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Karen Kortebein, who works as COVID-19 case investigator with the Berrien County Health Department, chats with a colleague Wednesday. Case investigators call COVID-19-positive residents to let them know they're positive and how to self-isolate, and follow up with them each day until they recover.

Unseen heroes

Berrien County contact tracers offer insight into essential pandemic job

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — When they're doing their jobs, the general public has no idea they exist.

They are the public health nurses, case investigators and contact tracers at the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD).

"Our job is to decrease disease burden in our community," said Ericka Mueller, one of those public health nurses and case investigators. "We're making sure our community is safe, and getting those people who COVID-19 positive people have been around tested, so we can decrease the transmission of this disease, and get rid of it if we can."

Mueller, who served as the part-time tuberculosis and communicable disease lead nurse before the pandemic, moved to being a full-time case investigator right after the Sandi Patty concert in March in Berrien Springs. She is used to contact tracing because of how contagious TB is.

Mueller is part of a team of about a dozen staff at the health department on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic that have called thousands of people in the last three and a half months.

"Our priority each morning is contacting any new positives we have. We start that right away," Mueller of Elkhart, Ind., said.

ABOVE: Nikki Mucha is a COVID-19 contact tracer with the Berrien County Health Department. Mucha has put her recent college degree in Spanish to good use in her role, since she can engage Spanish-speaking contacts directly.

LEFT: Ericka Mueller works as a COVID-19 case investigator at the Berrien County Health Department.

When a lab processes a COVID-19 test, the results, positive or negative, are entered in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS), then assigned to their county of residence. Berrien County's contact tracers are only dealing with people who live in Berrien County.

Karen Kortebein of St. Joseph, another part-time public health nurse reassigned to investigate COVID-19 cases, said they contact the positive people within 24 hours.

"We collect all their contact information and who they've been with up to 48 hours before symptom onset," she said.

Mueller said they ask about everywhere that person has been in the past two weeks.

"We want to see if they've been to any big groups, where they've traveled, where they could have picked this up and where there could potentially be others," she said.

Then the staff follow up with the COVID-19 positive people every single day until they've recovered.

Mueller said if they notice someone's symptoms getting worse, they'll tell them to go to the hospital, and call ahead for them to let the hospital know a COVID-positive patient is coming in.

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'This hurts'

Bar owners react after state again restricts indoor service

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Bar owners are reeling in the wake of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's latest executive order.

On Wednesday, the state ordered the closure of indoor service at bars throughout most of the lower part of the state, due to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases being reported.

After months of closure under the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, Michigan bars were allowed to reopen with limited capacity and additional safety measures on June 8. Now they must rely on outdoor seating and to-go service, after Whitmer also signed a package of bills allowing cocktails-to-go at bars and restaurants.

Arthur Havlicek, president of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, said he was not surprised by the governor's decision.

"There have been spikes caused by bars and I kind of expected this because of past actions the governor has taken," Havlicek said. "What disappoints me is it's a one-size fits all approach. We haven't seen any spikes in our county. But because we are in the Kalamazoo region, we are affected by this order."

Under the new order issued Wednesday, bars can serve patrons outdoors, but not inside their establishment.

The order, which went into effect at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, applies to licensed establishments that earn more than 70 percent of their gross receipts from alcohol sales.

Traditional bars, nightclubs and strip clubs will have to end indoor service, Whitmer said in a news release. Most brewpubs, distilleries and vineyards can maintain their indoor operations, she said.

Mason Moore, manager at Mickey's Pub in St. Joseph, said he was very disappointed with the latest executive order, since he and his staff have gone above and beyond the state's mandates.

"The decision came on a Wednesday afternoon where we had already bought thousands of dollars of supplies for the holiday weekend. I really wish this was being decided on a local level."

MASON MOORE
Manager, Mickey's Pub

After reopening, Mickey's staff were taking patrons' temperatures, security was added to keep the bar at 50 percent capacity, and the bar implemented new seating arrangements.

"We spent all this money. The decision came on a Wednesday afternoon where we had already bought thousands of dollars of supplies for the holiday weekend," Moore said. "I really wish this was being decided on a local level. There are college towns where all these spikes are happening."

In a statement, Whitmer attributed the decision to recent high-profile outbreaks at bars, including the East Lansing bar Harper's, where more than 100 people have tested positive for the disease due to visiting the bar or interacting with someone who did.

Regions 6 and 8 are excluded from the order – namely the Traverse City and Upper Peninsula regions – due to low numbers of reported COVID-19 virus cases.

Berrien County is in Region 3, which is included in the Kalamazoo Region.

"We're being lumped in with Kalamazoo. Moving forward, I would like to see a smarter, more micro-targeted approach," Havlicek said. "I understanding handling the entire state can be difficult, but there can be some delegation for local control. Our health department has been weeks ahead of the game."

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Gypsy Martinez hangs Fourth of July flags in the outside patio area at Mickey's Pub Thursday in St. Joseph.

Amid pandemic, July 4 not usual blowout bash

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The idea sounds almost un-American.

The Fourth of July was always a time for communities to come together, daylong celebrations with patriotic parades in the morning and fireworks finales to cap it off.

This year, people are being urged to stay home.

If they want a show, watch it on TV.

"This is traditionally a weekend for gathering in large groups for historic ceremonies and social events," Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said. "This is not something that we can do this year here in Boston or in Massachusetts."

Or in many cities around the U.S., where leaders grapple with how to honor the country's Independence Day while forced because of coronavirus concerns to limit some freedoms their citizens so deeply covet.

The Fourth of July remains a party, though America's 244th birthday won't be the usual blowout bash.

Fireworks will still crackle over the National Mall in Washington and other places, though with fewer people packed together watching them.

Backyard barbecues will replace some traditional trips to beaches or ballparks, as virus fears keep some home for this holiday.

Marching bands blaring tunes while kids wave their handheld flags can't happen as usual with the virus refusing to let go of its grip on some places and even strengthening in others.

So, no live Boston Pops performance on the Charles River Esplanade, no live concert from the West lawn

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Note to readers

July 4 is a postal holiday, so The Herald-Palladium will not publish a Saturday edition this week. Today's paper is the weekend edition and includes coupons, advertising inserts, color comics and TV listings.

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Democrats say U.S. needs to address protective gear shortage

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

A congressional committee criticized President Donald Trump's administration on Thursday for a series of problems in distributing personal protective and testing equipment during the coronavirus pandemic and called on the administration to come up with a better plan.

"We need urgent action from the federal government now, before this virus spins further out of control," said Rep. James Clyburn, a South Carolina Democrat and chair of a House committee overseeing the nation's pandemic response.

He said that associations of doctors and nurses and others have noted a continuing shortage of N95 masks and other protective gear. Democratic committee members also said the federal government has been at times too hands-off in leaving procurement up to state and local governments and individual health care providers, and at other times they have steered purchases to a specific contractor.

In a sometimes testy hearing before the committee, administration officials defended their work. Rear Adm. John Polowczyk, for instance, outlined how the federal government worked with the industry from late March through April to fly in shipments of gear from overseas to hand out to hospitals and others. Without taking that approach, he said, equipment would have taken far longer to get in place.

Polowczyk said that most states have at least a month's worth of protective gear on hand now, and some are working on building up to a 120-day supply. He also said the federal government, whose stockpile was depleted in April, is on course to build a 90-day supply.

Some Democrats questioned an earlier report he made projecting that federal supplies would fall short of demand. But he said that didn't take into account equipment bought by states – and that the demand included gear for some industries, such as janitors, who may not need medical-grade equipment.

Democrats on the committee questioned the federal response in the earliest days of the coronavirus outbreak.

"The administration completely and utterly failed to provide the private sector with critical guidance" on how to prioritize distribution of gear from January through March, said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat.

Republicans on the committee tried to change the subject, saying the Democrats who control it were not looking at the right places as it digs into the coronavirus pandemic. Rep. Jim Jordan, an Ohio Republican, for instance, called on the committee to investigate whether China withheld information about the virus as the outbreak started.

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2-6-4
Midday Daily 4
5-5-4-4
Daily 3
1-1-9
Daily 4
1-3-6-4
Fantasy 5
10-21-25-31-33
Keno
15-16-20-21-25-28-45-48-52-53-54-56-58-60-64-65-66-67-68-71-72-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$62 million
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$60 million

Wednesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
10-20-21-23-43
Cash4Life
21-31-34-38-47, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
10-19-21-38-40-45
Quick Draw Midday
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Daily Three-Midday
7-3-1, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
0-5-8, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
8-1-9-5, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
2-7-8-9, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
06-08-09-10-11-17-23-24-28-33-35-42-44-49-56-63-64-70-72-80, BE: 11
Hoosier Lotto
11-13-17-21-26-38
Powerball
15-28-52-53-63, Powerball: 18, Power Play: 4
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LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-17-31-36-43
Estimated jackpot
$250,000
Pick Three-Midday
2-4-4, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
4-9-2, Fireball: 7
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Not so random acts: Science finds that being kind pays off

By SETH BORENSTEIN
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Nightbird Restaurant chef and owner Kim Alter, left, mimics giving a hug to nurse practitioner Sydney Gressel, center, and patient care technician Matt Phillips after delivering dinner to them at University of California at San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital in San Francisco on March 27.

Acts of kindness may not be that random after all. Science says being kind pays off.

Research shows that acts of kindness make us feel better and healthier. Kindness is also key to how we evolved and survived as a species, scientists say. We are hardwired to be kind.

Kindness "is as bred in our bones as our anger or our lust or our grief or as our desire for revenge," said University of California San Diego psychologist Michael McCullough, author of the forthcoming book "Kindness of Strangers." It's also, he said, "the main feature we take for granted."

Scientific research is booming into human kindness and what scientists have found so far speaks well of us.

"Kindness is much older than religion. It does seem to be universal," said University of Oxford anthropologist Oliver Curry, research director at Kindlab. "The basic reason why people are kind is that we are social animals."

We prize kindness over any other value. When psychologists lumped values into ten categories and asked people what was more important, benevolence or kindness, comes out on top, beating hedonism, having an exciting life, creativity, ambition, tradition, security, obedience, seeking social justice and seeking power, said University of London psychologist Anat Bardi, who studies value systems.

"We're kind because under the right circumstances we all benefit from kindness," Oxford's Curry said.

When it comes to a species' survival "kindness pays, friendliness pays," said Duke University evolutionary anthropologist Brian Hare, author of the new book "Survival of the Friendliest."

Kindness and cooperation work for many species, whether it's bacteria, flowers or our fellow primate bonobos. The more friends you have, the more individuals you help, the more successful you are, Hare said.

For example, Hare, who studies bonobos and other primates, compares aggressive chimpanzees, which attack outsiders, to bonobos where the animals don't kill but help out strangers. Male bonobos are far more successful at mating than their male chimp counterparts, Hare said.

McCullough sees bonobos as more the exceptions. Most animals aren't kind or helpful to strangers, just close relatives so in that way it is one of the traits that separate us from other species, he said. And that, he said, is because of the human ability to reason.

Humans realize that there's not much difference between our close relatives and strangers and that someday strangers can help us if we are kind to them, McCullough said.

Reasoning "is the secret ingredient, which is why we donate blood when there are disasters" and why most industrialized nations spend at least 20 percent of their money on social programs, such as housing and education, McCullough said.

Duke's Hare also points to mama bears to understand the evolution and biology of kindness and its aggressive nasty flip side. He said studies point to certain areas of the brain, the medial prefrontal cortex, temporal parietal junction and other spots as either activated or dampened by emotional activity. The same places give us the ability to nurture and love, but also dehumanize and exclude, he said.

When mother bears are feeding and nurturing their cubs, these areas in the brain are activated and it allows them to be generous and loving, Hare said. But if someone comes near the mother bear at that time, it sets of the brain's threat mechanisms in the same places. The same bear becomes its most aggressive and dangerous.

Hare said he sees this in humans. Some of the same people who are generous to family and close friends, when they feel threatened by outsiders become angrier. He points to the current polarization of the world.

"More isolated groups are more likely to be feel threatened by others and they are more likely to morally exclude, dehumanize," Hare said. "And that opens the door to cruelty."

But overall our bodies aren't just programmed to be nice, they reward us for being kind, scientists said.

"Doing kindness makes you happier and being happier makes you do kind acts," said labor economist Richard Layard, who studies happiness at the London School of Economics and wrote the new book "Can We Be Happier?"

University of California Riverside psychology professor Sonja Lyubomirsky has put that concept to the test in numerous experiments over 20 years and repeatedly found that people feel better when they are kind to others, even more than when they are kind to themselves.

"Acts of kindness are very powerful," Lyubomirsky said.

In one experiment, she asked subjects to do an extra three acts of kindness for other people a week and asked a different group to do three acts of self-kindness. They could be small, like opening a door for someone, or big. But the people who were kind to others became happier and felt more connected to the world.

The same occurred with money, using it to help others versus helping yourself. Lyubomirsky said she thinks it is because people spend too much time thinking and worrying about themselves and when they think of others while doing acts of kindness, it redirects them away from their own problems.

Oxford's Curry analyzed peer-reviewed research like Lyubomirsky's and found at least 27 studies showing the same thing: Being kind makes people feel better emotionally.

But it's not just emotional. It's physical.

Lyubomirsky said a study of people with multiple sclerosis and found they felt better physically when helping others. She also found that in people doing more acts of kindness that the genes that trigger inflammation were turned down more than in people who don't.

And she said in upcoming studies, she's found more antiviral genes in people who performed acts of kindness.

Epstein pal arrested, accused of luring girls for abuse

By JIM MUSTIAN and LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell was arrested Thursday on charges she helped lure at least three girls — one as young as 14 – to be sexually abused by the late financier Jeffrey Epstein, who was accused of victimizing dozens of girls and women over many years.

According to the indictment, Maxwell, who lived for years with Epstein and was his frequent companion on trips around the world, facilitated his crimes and on some occasions joined him in sexually abusing the girls.

Epstein, 66, killed himself in a federal detention center in New York last summer while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges.

Maxwell has, for years, been accused by many women of acting as a madam for Epstein, helping him scout young girls for abuse, then hiring them to give him massages, during which the girls were pressured into sex acts. In one lawsuit, a woman alleged Maxwell was the "highest-ranking employee" of Epstein's alleged sex trafficking enterprise. Those accusations, until now, never resulted in criminal charges.

The 58-year-old was arrested in Bradford, New Hampshire, where she was living on a wooded estate she purchased for $1 million last December. The FBI had been keeping tabs on her after she disappeared from public view following Epstein's arrest a year ago.

"More recently we learned she had slithered away to a gorgeous property in New Hampshire, continuing to live a life of privilege while her victims live with the trauma inflicted upon them years ago," William Sweeney, head of the FBI's New York office, told a news conference Thursday.

Jennifer Araoz, who says Epstein raped her when she was 15, said she feared the financier's ring of conspirators for years.

"Now that the ring has been taken down, I know that I can't be hurt anymore," Araoz, now 33, said in a statement. "Day after day, I have waited for the news that Maxwell would be arrested and held accountable for her actions. Her arrest is a step in that direction, and it truly means that the justice system didn't forget about us."

The indictment, which was unsealed Thursday, included counts of conspiracy to entice minors to travel to engage in illegal sex acts, enticement of a minor to travel to engage in illegal sex acts, conspiracy to transport minors with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, transportation of a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity.

She was also accused of perjuring herself during a deposition in a civil lawsuit over alleged abuse.

"Maxwell lied because the truth, as alleged, was almost unspeakable," Audrey Strauss, the acting U.S. attorney in Manhattan, said.

Messages were sent Thursday to several of Maxwell's attorneys seeking comment. She has previously repeatedly denied wrongdoing and called some claims against her "absolute rubbish."

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VH1	RuPaul's	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (N) CC				Titanic ('97)	
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Many cancers require more than one kind of treatment

DEAR DOCTOR: Our dad was diagnosed with lung cancer and will be getting chemo and radiation. I'm not really sure how they work, or why he has to have both. Should we get a second opinion?

DEAR READER: We use the word "cancer" to refer to a group of diseases in which abnormal cells within the body begin to divide uncontrollably. They are able to evade the body's natural defenses, and, over time, they can spread throughout the body. The goal of cancer treatment is to prevent these rogue cells from dividing. This is achieved either by killing the cancer cells outright, or disrupting their DNA, and thus their ability to divide. Radiation and chemotherapy are two of the most common cancer treatments. Although each works to stop the progress of the disease, they act in different ways.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Chemotherapy is a systemic treatment. That means that the specialized drugs used in chemotherapy are administered via the bloodstream so that they can reach and act upon cells throughout the body. More than 100 different chemotherapy medications fall into five major categories. Each of these drug categories behave in a different way, but all share the same objective. That is, to disrupt the life cycle of cells within the body that divide rapidly, which includes cancer cells.

Chemotherapy drugs are quite powerful. Because they circulate to all parts of the body, they act on all of the rapidly dividing cells in the body, including those that are not cancer. This includes hair roots, which is why hair loss occurs in many cancer patients undergoing chemo. Other common side effects include nausea, vomiting, fatigue, anemia and infection.

Radiation therapy, by contrast, is a localized treatment. It targets a specific part of the body where cancer cells are found. The powerful energy – delivered via X-rays, gamma rays, electron beams or protons – destroys cancer cells and damages their DNA as well. This prevents the rogue cells from dividing and growing, and thus stops their spread.

Some radiation treatments involve ingesting, injecting or implanting a radioactive substance, which either locates or binds to cancer cells. Although the effect on noncancerous cells isn't as severe in radiation therapy as it is in chemotherapy, healthy cells do get damaged. This results in side effects such as skin problems at the delivery site and fatigue.

Depending on the type of cancer and how far it has spread, it's not unusual for several treatments to be used together. This includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy, as well as surgery, immunotherapy, hormone therapy and targeted drug therapies.

In certain types of lung cancer, studies have found that using chemotherapy along with radiation therapy can improve survival rates. While radiation is effective at targeting solid tumors, chemotherapy can act upon cancer cells throughout the body, including those that haven't yet been identified.

Lung cancer treatment is a rapidly advancing field. For that reason, it's often helpful for patients to have their case and treatment plan reviewed by a physician or medical team that specializes in the disease. To avoid unexpected costs, check with your insurer for guidance on which doctors and facilities are covered by your plan.

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Mother seems to like her 'grand-dogs' more than her grandchildren

Carolyn Hax is away. The following is from Jan. 15, 2006.

DEAR CAROLYN: Recently at a small gathering in my mom's workplace, my mom passed around a picture of my sister's dogs with Santa and introduced them as her grand-dogs. My teenage son (her grandchild) was totally disgusted and, needless to say, I was appalled.

Carolyn Hax

I would not have reacted so negatively, but my mother does not have ONE picture of my children in her office, not even a Polaroid. Pictures of my sister, her new husband and her dogs are plastered EVERYWHERE.

Also, she does not come to visit with my children but will drive hours to pick up and "babysit" those dogs. This bizarre behavior has been brought to my mother's attention, yet it continues.

To worsen the resentment, she helps support my sister and her husband. My husband suggests we just stay away. What do you recommend? – Completely Fed Up

COMPLETELY FED UP: That you listen to your husband, unless you find some way to make peace with the fact that your mother's attentions will never be fair.

Because: She will not change. She will not change. She will not change.

And even if you do come to see that your mother's favoritism reflects poorly on her, not you – which it does, for what it's worth – you should still take at least part of your husband's advice. Your mother doesn't show your kids any love, and yet you drag them to see her, expecting her to show love – thereby setting them up for slaps in the face. Not fair.

Do what you must for your own relationship with your mom, but consider sparing your kids the dog-and-Santa show.

DEAR CAROLYN: Our circle is about 10 people, and we like to take a beach vacation together during the summer. One of my closest friends brought her boyfriend along last year, and subsequently ignored the group most of the time to be with her boyfriend solo. I found this a little hurtful, as I thought we would be spending time together. She has mentioned that while her boyfriend likes us, he feels uncomfortable since he is shy and prefers smaller groups.

I understand but think if that's the case, the two of them would be better off taking a vacation together. Is there a tactful way to express that we want her and only her company if having him along means we don't get it? She's not stupid, so I don't think she's totally clueless about how the rest of us felt, but I also think she'll respond combatively if I bring it up. – Va.

VA.: There are times when tact is overrated. "If Clarence doesn't like big groups, why don't you come without him?" is easier to swallow than, "Hey, I found this great beach house but it, um, sleeps only 10."

There can also be times when tactlessness is overrated. Your friend has chosen this boyfriend, and chosen to let him suck her away from the group. And you have chosen this friend. So while you should protest her absence – "I was sad that we barely saw you at the beach last year" has an honest but loving ring to it – you may only alienate her if you try to cruise-direct her vacation. Sometimes it's better to welcome all and be grateful to get what you get.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Soft leather
4 Suffix for silver or brass
8 Guy's date
11 Glassmaker — Lalique
12 Rubaiyat author
13 Regret
14 Cravings
15 Capable of (2 wds.)
16 Website clutter
17 Naval officers
19 Opposite of credit
21 Blushing
22 Fairway gizmo
23 Absolute
26 Served soup
29 Baltimore bard
30 Mild cheese
32 It runs on runners
34 Rugged cliff
36 Out callers
38 — Andreas Fault
39 She loved Lancelot
41 Princess topper
43 Natural elevs.
44 This, to Caesar
45 Judge's duds
48 Gift tie
52 Dinghy's need
53 Light brown
55 Missouri neighbor
56 Go downhill
57 Fact fudger
58 TV genie portrayer
59 Computer key
60 Low-tech coolers
61 Home tel.

DOWN
1 Eager
2 Motor lodges
3 Long for
4 Injure
5 Roadie gear
6 Hamelin pest
7 Eaten away
8 Clutch
9 BMW rival
10 Perchance
11 Whiskey grain
18 "Runaway Bride" co-star
20 Fish without scales
22 Fill a pipe
23 Checkout scan
24 Ran fast
25 Greenish-blue color
26 Flimsy, as an excuse
27 Designer — Schiaparelli
28 Pet name
31 Drab colors
33 Genetic material
35 Chess, e.g.
37 Stash the bags
40 In and of —
42 More yucky
44 Time periods
45 Ascended
46 Mighty trees
47 — -a-brac
48 Grain husks
49 Bump
50 Is in debt
51 Shoe color
54 Spy org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RBTEE

TALGO

CYAFIP

NCRDHE

Cinque Soli
SHOES
Getting all these sent out is going to be quite a feat.
With jokes like that, they should give you the boot.
THE NEW SHOE COMPANY WAS OFF TO A GREAT START AND TAKING ORDERS FOR SHOES ---

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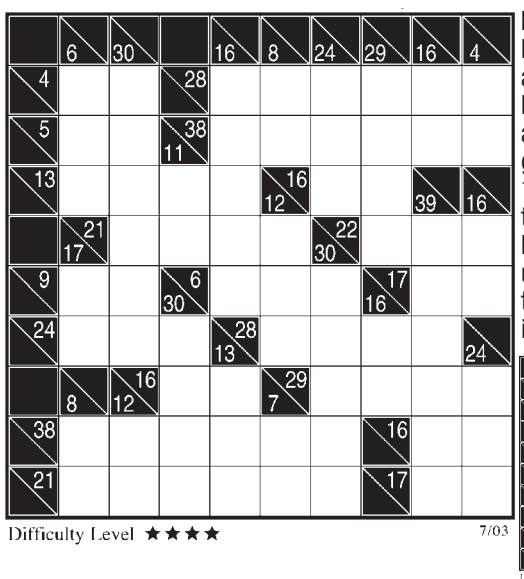
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

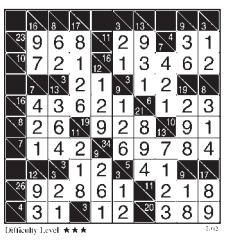
Yesterday's Jumbles: FRESH LEAKY HERBAL CANNON
Answer: They swam and built a sandcastle. It was going wonderfully. Everything was — "BEACHY" KEEN

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/03

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/02

BRIDGE

Harry Golden, who was a writer and newspaper publisher, said, "The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work."

Often, though, if you work hard and analyze correctly, you will have good luck – particularly at the bridge table.

In today's deal, South is in four hearts after East has overcalled in spades. West leads the spade queen: five, seven, six. West continues with the spade three: eight, king, nine. East now plays the spade four. How should South react?

The auction was predictable. When you have a nine-card major-suit fit, make that suit trump. That will rarely be wrong. It isn't worth worrying about the few exceptional deals.

The contract is getting close to done. West must have led from a doubleton spade, given East's overcall and dummy's having the spade jack. If West can overruff declarer with the heart queen, the contract will fail. So, South should place that card with East.

Fine, but it does not seem to help much. Won't the defenders still get two trump tricks?

Maybe not – if declarer is very lucky.

He should ruff the third spade with his heart jack. Let's suppose that West discards a minor-suit two. Now South leads a heart to dummy's king, playing East for queen-singleton (or queen-doubleton and an error by West for not overruffing at trick three).

Here, the queen drops under the king. Declarer crosses to his hand in either minor and leads another trump toward dummy's 10, which limits the defenders to two spades and one heart.

North 07-03-20
♠ J 10 8 5
♥ K 10 8 6
♦ A K J 10
♣ 7

West
♠ Q 3
♥ A 9 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 8 6 5 4 2

East
♠ A K 7 4 2
♥ Q
♦ 8 7 5 4
♣ J 9 3

South
♠ 9 6
♥ J 7 5 4 2
♦ Q 3
♣ A K Q 10

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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	3			1	9			
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	6	5	8	9	3	1	2	4
2	4	8	6	5	1	7	9	3
3	1	9	4	7	2	6	8	5
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8	7	6	3	1	9	4	5	2
4	2	1	5	6	8	3	7	9
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1	3	2	9	8	4	5	6	7
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Would GOP throw Trump overboard?

Jonah Goldberg

As the Trump campaign flounders under the accumulated weight of the pandemic, the economic crisis, the mass protests and a Twitter account plugged straight into the president's limbic system, I wonder: What if the parties mattered?

I'm a subscriber to a counterintuitive school of thought popular among some political scientists. Their belief is that partisanship is so strong today because our parties are so weak. Both Democrats and Republicans have become incapable of defining and protecting their long-term interests on a time horizon longer than the news cycle.

Prior to the "reforms" of the early 1970s, our democratic system depended largely on the internally undemocratic nature of the parties. Under the pre-1972 system, independent socialist Bernie Sanders wouldn't have been allowed to run for president as a Democrat, and Donald Trump wouldn't have gotten within 100 miles of the Republican nomination.

Because we live in such an unthinkingly populist time in which even the president can whine that the "system is rigged" without irony or fear of correction, it's difficult for many people to grasp how totally democratized the parties have become.

Consider two examples. In 1968, then-President Lyndon Johnson beat Eugene McCarthy in the New Hampshire primary, but by such a small margin – a mere seven points! – that Johnson dropped out of the race. Yes, he wanted to avoid humiliation, but he also believed it was the best way to help his party and his vice president, Hubert Humphrey, the candidate Johnson preferred over McCarthy. McCarthy received 39 percent of the vote in the primaries. Humphrey? Just 2 percent. Humphrey got the nomination – because the party mattered.

On Aug. 7, 1974, a contingent of Republicans visited President Nixon to explain that, for the good of the party and the country, he should resign. He announced his resignation the next day.

Fast-forward to today. Right now, things look very bad for Trump. His coalition – which pulled an inside straight in the Electoral College but lost the popular vote – has shrunk. In 2016, he won the suburbs by four points. Now, he's losing them by 25 points, according to the latest NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll. His hold on white voters and older voters is eroding, too, though not as dramatically.

He can turn it around, of course. As poll mavens like to say, the polls are just a snapshot. The funny thing about that snapshot cliche is that people use it to make the point that things can get better. True enough. But they can also get worse. There are plenty of snapshots of the Titanic leaving port in Southampton.

Assume things do get worse for Trump. Maybe the pandemic will run rampant in red states, leaving Trump with the no-win choice of admitting failure or sticking with his wish-it-away strategy, as some core voters die before they get the chance to prove their patriotism by voting maskless and in person. The economy could tank again. He might even tweet a video of a supporter shouting, "White power!" (Whoops, bad example.)

Former Trump adviser Sam Nunberg told Politico over the weekend that if Trump's standing eroded much further, he'd be facing a landslide Electoral College loss and "would need to strongly reconsider whether he wants to continue to run as the Republican presidential nominee."

Nunberg's right. But notice what he doesn't say: that at some point the Republican Party would need to strongly consider throwing Trump overboard. In a sense it would be a silly thing to say, because no one thinks the GOP is capable of such a move. Also, no one but the most Kool Aid-besotted loyalists thinks Trump is capable of putting the interests of the party – or nation – above his own.

If Trump were a somewhat normal president under similar circumstances, it would be easy to see Republican candidates breaking with the White House. But partisanship today doesn't just mean excessive loyalty to a party and its program. It implies a kind of secular faith. And on the right in particular it resembles a Trumpian cult of personality. "Undemocratically" defenestrating Trump for the good of the party would be like the Vatican firing the pope for the good of the church.

The Manichean logic of Trump's campaign message is that the Democrats are so terrible that patriotic Americans must vote Republican regardless of their qualms about the GOP candidate. A Republican Party that believed this was true but also cared about its long-term viability would recognize that this argument would work just as well for a Pence 2020 candidacy. But for a Republican Party that is merely a pliant vessel for the loudest bloc of its customer base at any given moment, such thinking is unthinkable.

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The problem with 'anti-racism'

Ben Shapiro

Today, the nostrum goes, it is not enough for Americans to be not racist. They must be "anti-racist." This woke terminology has infused our lexicon. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., recently declared from the well of the Senate: "Being race-conscious is not enough. It never was. We must be anti-racists." What, pray tell, is the difference between being against racism and being anti-racist? Ibram X. Kendi, author of "How to Be An Antiracist," provides an answer: Racism is no longer to be defined as the belief that someone is inferior based on race. Instead, racism is to be defined as the belief that *any* group differences can be attributed to *anything other than racism*. Thus, any system that ends with different outcomes must be racist. Indeed, Kendi contends, "Racism itself is institutional, structural, and systemic."

To be anti-racist means to tear down these systems. Any obstacle in the pursuit of equality of outcome must be torn down, assumed to be a product of discrimination. Basic decency, then, means that we must oppose even institutions that have been considered hallmarks of freedom. Those institutions, after all, have exacerbated inequalities, or at least failed to rectify those inequalities.

This means that America's culture of rights – a culture that suggests an obligation on the part of individuals to respect the rights of others, even if they disagree – must come under fire. That culture reinforces hierarchies and inequalities, after all. The classical liberal says that rights fall equally on the just and the unjust alike; the anti-racist suggests that rights are merely tools of power. Anti-racism, in its essence, is merely reworked neo-Marxism from the 1960s: Herbert Marcuse would have been ecstatic to see his concept of "repressive tolerance" – "intolerance against movements from the Right and toleration of movements from the Left" – revived under the banner of race rather than class.

The self-proclaimed "anti-racist" left – a left that sees all of human relations reduced to a rudimentary correlation of skin color and inequality, an analysis we used to call racist – has decided that the culture must be cleansed of all of those who will not be drafted into its woke army. Its march through the institutions began with college campuses, where cowardly administrators quickly caved to the bizarre notion that campuses were unsafe, cruel bastions of bigotry requiring speech codes and training in microaggressions. Next, the woke army moved on to the halls of institutional media, where editors were forced to announce their own white privileges along with their resignations, turning over the instruments of informational dissemination to radical racialists.

Now the woke army has targeted corporations. Corporations are, by nature, risk-averse; they seek merely profit and lack of controversy. The hard left has targeted them as the weakest link in the chain of free speech: If corporations can be bullied into pulling their money from social media networks, those social media networks can be bullied into restricting their free-speech cultures. Remove advertising bucks from Instagram and watch as Instagram censors those the woke want censored.

Indeed, such a campaign is now front and center in the culture wars: Major corporations from Coca-Cola to Target have stopped advertising on social media networks, citing the need for more "hate speech" regulation on those platforms. Obviously, those who target corporations will not be satisfied until all non-woke speech is limited or banned; corporations will be unpleasantly surprised when those they have been seeking to appease turn on them as remnants of the evil system. But corporations have neither the principle nor the will to deny the demands of the loudest and the most militant.

The product of the woke crusade will not be a less racist America but a more polarized one. That's because the woke crusade is not truly about reducing racism; it is about attacking fundamental institutions, American history and our very culture of rights. All the things we share must be eviscerated. So we will share nothing. And then the true ugliness begins.

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LETTERS

Would you choose for me to die?

Editor,

"Are there no (debtor) prisons? Let them die and decrease the surplus population." Ebenezer Scrooge in Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" is famous for these words, but have you thought about them seriously?

When the Spirit teaches Scrooge who the "surplus" population is, Scrooge realizes that it's people like him who have the power to decide who lives and who dies. Scrooge learns what many of us need to learn: We do not care about a problem until it happens to us or to someone about whom we care.

I learned this with my second cancer diagnosis. It involved a rare and aggressive cancer. My first thought was to wonder if I would be here for Christmas or if I would be in heaven. The survival rate for this cancer is 1 percent, according to "Dr. Google."

Fortunately, I found a topflight specialist, and I was covered by expanded Medicaid. In one week, with a cat scan, DaVinci surgery and requisite tests and care, I ran up more than $90,000 in medical bills. This would be followed by more blood tests, chemotherapy and internal radiation. I also needed palliative care because I was so incapacitated by treatment that I needed to relearn how to walk and how to care for myself.

I did not have the financial resources to cover this; I drive a 19-year-old car and have a mortgage on a house that I bought for $39,000. However, everything I needed to fight my cancer was financed 100 percent by expanded Medicaid.

I am one of the faces of Scrooge's "surplus" population. I am one of those who without the Affordable Health Care Act, would be the one who dies because she cannot pay. So, when you vote to dismantle the ACA, please, have the guts to look me in the eye and tell me to my face that you would have chosen for me, Wendy Elsey, to die.

Wendy Elsey
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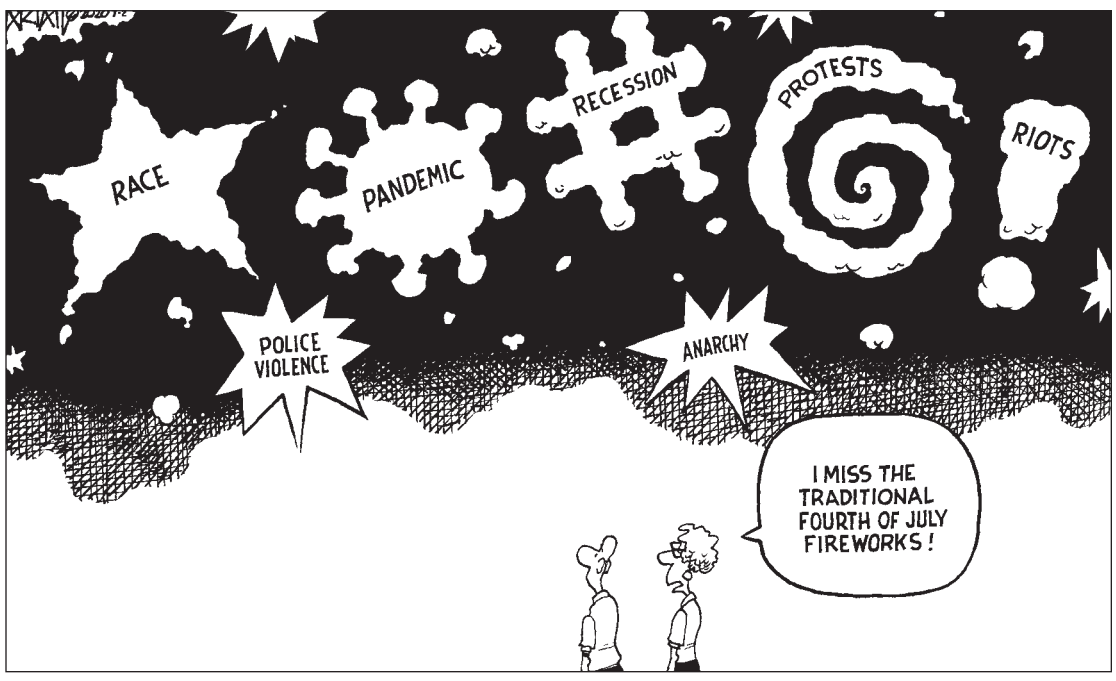

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Better to let Trump talk than be unpleasantly surprised

Kathleen Parker

Few would argue that the cat's got Donald Trump's tongue.

He talks all the time. The president is so full of words that he needs multiple outlets. When his mouth isn't moving, he's tweeting. Or, in the annals of the unbeknownst, he's twitching. Yes, *twitching*. Give the man credit for being *au courant* when it comes to social media.

Twitch, for the not-so-trendy, is Amazon's streaming platform, which the company purchased for nearly $1 billion in 2014. Amazon's founder, Jeff Bezos, who owns the Washington Post, is also a Trump arch-enemy. Trump has had an account since 2019, using his channel to post rallies and speeches. But recently, in a move sure to trouble free-speech connoisseurs, Twitch suspended Trump's account for "hateful conduct" related to his speeches.

I realize it's hard to miss something you didn't know existed (my hand is raised), but Twitch seems less virtuous than politically pragmatic. Trump's behavior is hardly new and his words, though often a syllabic tangle of wandering logic, haven't suddenly become offensive.

In defining "hateful conduct," Twitch leaves no base uncovered. It means "any content or activity that promotes, encourages, or facilitates discrimination, denigration, objectification, harassment, or violence based on … race, ethnicity, national origin; religion; sex, gender, gender identity; sexual orientation; age; disability or serious medical condition; veteran status." Any hateful conduct is considered "a zero-tolerance violation."

Otherwise known as "Donald J. Trump," in other words.

One example cited by Twitch comes from candidate Trump's 2015 speech in which he referred to immigrant Mexicans as rapists and drug dealers, as well as some who are "good people." This statement has become an oft-repeated indictment of the president's perceived xenophobia, racist-nationalist attitudes and his approach to governing.

Trump is notoriously clumsy with the English language, granted, but his supporters believe they know what he meant. Here's my translation: *If we don't strengthen our U.S.-Mexican border, criminals, including drug traffickers and rapists, will slip through along with the many good people who wish to live in the greatest country on Earth.* Full stop.

That doesn't sound hateful, does it? Without defending Trump, one can at least attempt to be fair. And, while we're at it, we in the media might try to avoid further undermining our credibility. When *they* know that *we* know what Trump really means, despite his obviously deteriorating facility with the King's English, distrust in "fake news" becomes reflexive and, ultimately, disastrous. What good is served by the legitimate, fact-checked media if those most in need of reliable information are turned off?

Censoring the president of the United States, even by a non-governmental entity enforcing its own rules of civility, is fraught with potential for collateral damage. Hate or nefarious purposes once revealed in daylight are banished to the darkness where they fester and become more foul. Suppressing someone's thoughts, especially the president's, leads to a suppression of public debate. As Syracuse University's Roy S. Gutterman (and others before him) have put it, the answer to hate speech is more speech.

It isn't the responsibility of social media companies to sanitize the village square, but does that mean they have no responsibility for content? Public opinion may be mixed, but pressures are mounting for companies to step up and clean up their communities. Advertisers, under the banner "Stop Hate for Profit," have begun boycotting Facebook because of its refusal to block the president's posts. Some companies have extended their boycott to rivals, including Twitter.

Reddit went further than Twitch and banned the pro-Trump community or "subreddit" account – "The_Donald" – along with 2,000 other online communities in a "hate speech" crackdown. CEO Steve Huffman explained that users of the subreddit had been violating the company's policies for years.

So, why take a hard stand now? Politics, of course. Also, George Floyd's death while in police custody has led to a culture-wide awakening and a sense that America needs to clean up its act, not just concerning police brutality or systemic racism but everyday conduct that, untamed, cements a general coarsening and disregard for the human community.

It's about time, though I'd rather we eliminate foul language from the streets and airwaves, than worry about potentially hurtful speech. What is speech but the expression of thoughts? And, how, exactly, should we purge people's unacceptable thoughts?

Such is the quandary of a free society, and so my free thought is this: Let everybody talk, especially the president of the United States, so that we know exactly what they are thinking. Better that than to be unpleasantly surprised.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Maria Anne Aranda of Coloma and Stacy James Quinn of Berrien Springs.

Stacy Renee Bower and Scotty Lee Shipman, both of Stevensville.

Colleen Lynn Cannington of Hartford and Michael Dwayne Butler of Watervliet.

Shanna Marie Hightower of Niles and Mark Adrian Sisk of South Bend.

Katherine Aneita Lange of Stevensville and Nicholas Paul LeVeck of Mohawk, Mich.

Teresa Clare Lear of St. Joseph and Larry Dale Collins of Coloma.

Elisabeth Ruth Marble and Michael John Dziuban, both of St. Joseph.

Shawna Blair Pullen and Stephen Christopher Hill Sr., both of Benton Harbor.

Lyndsie Dale Reese of Niles and Ryan Alexander Doyle of Buchanan.

Katie Lynne Wiederwax and Kyle Alan Spear, both of St. Joseph.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Baroda – Boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Alicia Bowen and Christopher Wakefield, 11:33 p.m. June 28.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Skylar and Nicholas Forrest, 12:45 a.m. June 28.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, De'Sharique Jefferson and Devin Williams, 5:45 p.m. June 25.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Stephanie and Javin Mitchell, 8:00 a.m. July 1.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, Karissa and Mickey White, 9:27 a.m. July 2.

Berrien Springs – Boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Kristy and Joe Brown, 7:41 a.m. June 26.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Sara Barber and Spencer Simpson, 6:53 p.m. June 26.

5 people, dog rescued from sinking boat

BAY CITY (AP) — Five people and a dog have been rescued from a sinking boat in Michigan's Saginaw Bay.

The 50-foot vessel was halfway submerged and one person wearing a life jacket was in the water when a Coast Guard rescue boat arrived after 11 a.m. Wednesday, the Coast Guard said Thursday in a release.

A line was tossed to the person who was pulled aboard the Coast Guard Station Saginaw River rescue boat.

The other four people and the dog were helped aboard the rescue boat from the sinking vessel. They were taken to Bay Harbor Marina in Bay City.

Salvage crews were working Thursday on a plan to remove the sinking boat from Saginaw Bay, according to the Coast Guard.

Saginaw Bay is just off Lake Huron in Michigan's northeastern Lower Peninsula.

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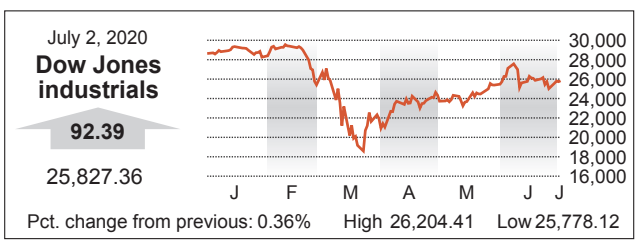

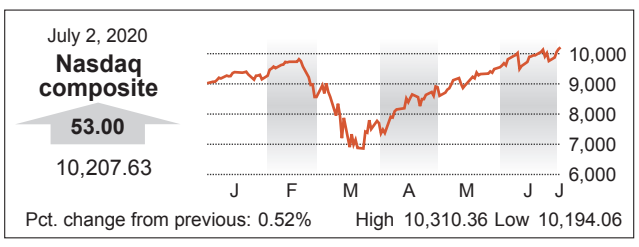

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AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	30.08	+.18	+0.6	▲	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	82.52	+.52	+0.6	▲	▼	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	192.58	372.38	364.11	...	...	▲	▲	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1148.97	+18.49	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	42.63	23.41	+.20	+0.9	▲	▼	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.30	+.34	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	44.88	+.06	+0.1	▲	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	39.25	-.45	-1.1	▲	▼	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	157.90	+1.05	+0.7	▲	▼	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	112.18	-.83	-0.7	▲	▼	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	93.61	+.22	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.93	44.08	+.37	+0.8	▲	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	18.57	+.14	+0.7	▲	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	34.34	+.09	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	6.05	+.07	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	6.82	+.08	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
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McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	183.52	-1.14	-0.6	▲	▼	▼
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MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	22.31	-.57	-2.5	▼	▼	▼
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XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	76.45	-.09	-0.1	▲	▼	▼

OBITUARIES

Melissa Young Lindsay

April 8, 1955 – June 10, 2020

The birth of Melissa Young Lindsay was celebrated on April 8, 1955, in Bellefonte, Pa., to Robert and Nancy Young. A raven-haired beauty like her mother, Missy was crowned Miss Watervliet in 1973.

She came of age in the early 1970s and embraced her place as the flower child of the family. Missy lived life as a complicated mix of free spirit and family-bound matriarch to her children and siblings. These forces tugged at her always, resulting in a person, not perfect, but perfectly flawed who lived her way – but her way was not selfish or arrogant. It was giving and in service to others.

Missy became a wife and mother shortly after high school, but she still answered her call and became a geriatrics nurse at 35. For 30 years she cared for our most forgotten. Missy didn't just treat their body, but their soul. She made lives better and longer – may we all have such a legacy.

Missy died on June 10, 2020, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Although her body was quarantined, she was not alone, but embedded in the souls of her family and friends forever.

Missy was preceded in death by her parents, who are joyous in reunion.

She is survived by her husband, David; daughters, Erin Canada, Jennifer Schultz and Cassie Netto; son, Nick (Kaci) Netto; stepdaughter, Danielle Lindsay; grandchildren, Ethan, Maxton, Willow and Atticus; sisters, Dianne (Ron) Vawter and Sandra (Bill) Spaulding; and brothers: Robert (Kim) Young, Richard (Barbara) Young, Andrew (Maria) Young and David (Rhonda) Young.

Please donate in Missy's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at http://giftfunds.stjude.org/Missy.

Hayward Burnside

March 4, 1950 – June 29, 2020

Hayward Burnside, 70, of Benton Harbor departed this life June 29, 2020.

A private graveside service for family will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Hayward was born to Howard L. Burnside and Celestine M. Burnside on March 4, 1950, in Benton Harbor. In 1974, Hayward met Angelique at Liberty Theatre where she worked. They built a relationship and were united in marriage on Dec. 31, 1976. Hayward had five children: Jerry (Dondee) Joseph of Columbus, Ohio, Angelina Burnside of Michigan, Alicia Burnside of Michigan, Sherry Williams of Washington, D.C., and an honorary daughter, Desiree' Joseph of Columbus.

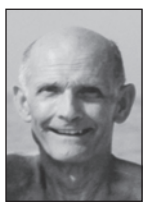
Over the years, Hayward's passion for sports led him to co-coach Eastland Vikings Football, a team Jerry participated in as a player, and Desiree' as a cheerleader. The Vikings team achieved two consecutive championship wins. In addition, he coached and led Eastland Athletics, a Columbus baseball team, to a championship victory in 1984. Hayward enjoyed reading, watching sports and spending time with his grandchildren.

Hayward leaves many to cherish his memory: his wife; five children; two sisters, Doris (Joseph) Jordan and Darlene Barnes of Atlanta; mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary J. Joseph; sisters-in-law, Bobbie Joseph of Columbus and Betty Burnside of Atlanta; brothers-in-law, Kennard Joseph of Arizona, Derrick Joseph of Arizona, Jacob Joseph of Michgian and Prinston (Bridgette) Joseph Sr. of Michigan; six grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eddie; and grandparents.

Carl Frederick Heald

Dec. 5, 1932 – June 28, 2020



Carl Frederick Heald, 87, of St. Joseph passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

A private service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to First Church of God, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to sign Carl's book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Carl was born Dec. 5, 1932, in South Haven, to Arthur and Josephine (McIntosh) Heald. He graduated from South Haven High School in 1951 and continued his education, earning his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Tech in 1955. On April 12, 1958, he married Patricia Nitz at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baroda.

Carl was key in developing the first analog computer in 1957 for Heath Company. In 1969 Carl opened his own business, Heald Inc., where he developed two-wheel mini bikes and trykes in kit form. He proudly ran his business until he retired in 1982. Upon retirement he continued to work, developing computer programs for local tool and die manufacturers. Carl built his own ultra-light airplane, which he frequently flew solo over Lake Michigan.

In 1994 Carl found Jesus and his life was changed forever. He had a great passion in his love and work for the Lord. Carl was a selfless man who always put others' needs before his own. He was an avid boater and loved spending time on the water with family, fishing and boating. Family vacations were a big part of his life – spent on Lake Michigan, in Canada and in the Bahamas. He enjoyed family time, playing euchre and other card games. He was a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Berrien County and in the Bahamas. Carl was a faithful and dedicated member of First Church of God.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Patricia; sons, Arthur (Christina) Heald and Larry (Heidi) Heald; daughter, Tina (Roddy) Broome; sister, Reta (Joe) Hanson; brother, Jerry (Carol) Heald; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Donna Jensen.

Nicole Ann Chalmers

April 14, 1978 – April 1, 2020

Nicole was born April 14, 1978, in St. Joseph and passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at her residence in Forest City, N.C.

There will be a memorial monument dedication at noon on Sunday, July 12, in Riverside Cemetery in Three Oaks.

To honor Nicole, we ask that you dress in Cubs, Bears, Blackhawks or Fighting Irish attire.

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Death notices

Hayward Burnside, 70, of Benton Harbor: died June 29, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Keldon Butcher, 24, of Battle Creek, Mich.: died June 29, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Marion C. Crossman, 102, of Benton Harbor: died June 30, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Melissa Young Lindsay, 65, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Watervliet: died June 10, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Carol Hanson Pizzi, 85, of Stevensville: died July 2, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Dale F. Sorget, 76, of Bridgman: died July 1, 2020, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Elisa L. Stice, 87, former area resident: died Jun 16, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing Center, Stevensville. National Cremation & Burial Society, North Fort Myers, Fla., (239) 995-1113.

Christine Marie Timmons, 69, of Benton Harbor: died July 1, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Elisa Louise Stice

Feb. 23, 1933 – June 16, 2020

Elisa Louise Stice, 87, died on June 16, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing Center in Stevensville, with her daughter and son-in-law at her side. Visitation with her family was limited in the last months due to the pandemic.

Elisa was born Feb. 23, 1933, in St. Joseph, to Siegfried and Hannah Klahm. Elisa loved music and children, and upon graduating from Albion College in 1955, she used her education and passion teaching kindergarten in Lansing, Mason, St. Claire Shores and St. Joseph before retiring in 1986. Elisa married Freeman Stice in 1979, and together they had the adventures of their lives. They moved to Largo, Fla., in the late 1980s, where Elisa enjoyed directing the Palm Hill chorus and dressing up for multiple holiday performances in their community. Following Freeman's death, Elisa returned to Michigan and spent some years in Chesaning, Mich., where she enjoyed the senior center activities, volunteering there, directing the senior choir and quilting. Elisa was always humming or whistling a tune (like her father), and in the last year she liked to dance around the halls of Pine Ridge, happy to see the smiles from the staff.

Elisa is survived by her daughter, LeeAnn (Bruce) Bartz; and niece, Kathy (Todd) Franklin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Freeman Stice.

Elisa was cremated and a small remembrance will be held in Florida this fall. Elisa also loved animals and her daughter's dogs through the years, so she would have loved donations to the Southwest Michigan Humane Society in her honor.

Dale Fredrick Sorget

Jan. 7, 1944 – July 1, 2020

Dale Fredrick Sorget, 76, of Bridgman passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at his home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at Grace Lutheran Church, 404 Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085, with the Rev. Glenn Rosenbaum officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 6, at Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Bridgman. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be communicated through www.PikeFH.com.

Dale was born Friday, Jan. 7, 1944, in Glendora, the son of the late Chester August and Mabel Louise (Truhn) Sorget. He married Pamela Wendy Gould on Nov. 29, 1969. Dale graduated from Western Michigan University. He was employed at Whirlpool Corp for 32 years. Dale was on the Board of Public Works for the City of St. Joseph and on the Board of Review for Lake Township. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Dale enjoyed golf and gardening.

Dale is survived by his wife, Pamela; children, Christian (Sally) Sorget and Whitney (Eric) Sample; four grandchildren: Liam and Elliot Sorget and Lauren and Alison Sexton; and siblings, Joyce Hoge, Carol Herter and Kim (Laura) Sorget.

Dale was also preceded in death by a grandson, Angus Sorget; and siblings, Robert, Jack and Joan.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

A sure sign that summer is here is the appearance of the hot dog cart in downtown St. Joseph. In addition to satisfying the appetites of hungry pedestrians, the hot dog cart has helped put three of Ben Yacobozzi's children through college. Come August, the Coloma resident and retired St. Joseph fireman, will man the cart at Broad and State streets during the last few weeks of summer. His youngest son, Alan, who is currently serving the Chicago style hotdogs, plans to leave for his honeymoon and start his last semester of college at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

35 years ago – 1985

A Freedom Shrine will be presented by the Benton Harbor Exchange Club to the Orchards Mall in Benton Township at noon Thursday. Jaryl Smith, Orchards Mall marketing director, said the dedication is being held on July 4 because the Freedom Shrine consists of reproductions of historic American documents spanning 325 years, from the Mayflower Compact to the Japanese surrender in World War II. Girl Scouts from the Singing Sands Council will provide a color guard.

50 years ago – 1970

Berrien County Deputy Jon Nichols has been appointed administrator of the Berrien County Jail in St. Joseph by Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell. According to the sheriff, Nichols will be responsible for developing rehabilitative, educational and recreational programs for prisoners as well as handling security and overseeing general administration. Nichols has been with the department for five of the last seven years.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, July 3, the 185th day of 2020. There are 181 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops failed to breach Union positions during an assault known as Pickett's Charge.

On this date:

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean targets.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

In 1976, Israel launched its daring mission to rescue 106 passengers and Air France crew members being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers; the commandos succeeded in rescuing all but four of the hostages.

In 1979, Dan White, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting deaths of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison. (He ended up serving five years.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
88°	68°	86° / 71°	88° / 72°	90° / 73°	91° / 74°

Local Outlook

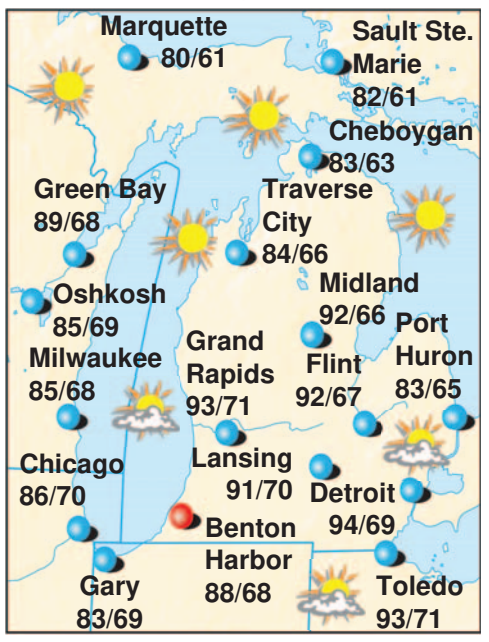
Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 88°, humidity of 51%. Northwest wind 2 to 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 68°. West southwest wind 1 to 7 mph. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 86°, humidity of 50%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:14 a.m.
Sunset ..... 9:25 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 8:16 p.m.
Moonset ..... 4:41 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
7/5	7/12	7/20	7/27

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	89°
Low	69°
Normal High	83°
Normal Low	62°
Record High	93° in 2002
Record Low	43° in 2001

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal for month	0.21"
Year to date	22.08"
Normal Year to date	17.10"

Air Quality

Yesterday 67
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What are Nor'Easters?

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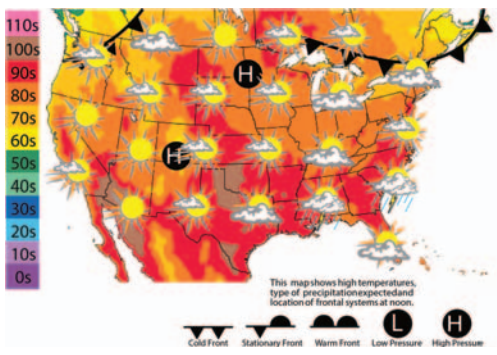
Answer: They are strong, low pressure systems that form over the eastern United States.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for July 3, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, N wind 5 to 8 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s. Northwest wind 3 to 10 mph. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 70s and 80s. West wind 1 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 80s and 90s. Northwest wind 2 to 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 80s and 90s. West southwest wind 1 to 6 mph.

TRACING

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Spectrum Health Lakeland has even allowed the health department staff access to its patient system.

"So we can look up our inpatients to monitor how they're doing," Kortebein said. "We can also look up lab results that are pending that we sent there."

As Kortebein and Mueller are taking care of COVID-positive patients, staff members like Nikki Mucha are calling all the people the positive people had contact with.

"I'm like the bearer of bad news," she said. "I have to tell them they were in close proximity to someone who has tested positive. I do my initial call, then try to follow them Monday, Wednesday, Friday. I kind of do the same thing as the nurses – check on their symptoms, offer them testing, things like that – but if they test positive, then they are sent back to the nurses."

Mucha, of Buchanan, graduated college this spring after studying the Spanish language and was just sitting at home with not much to do.

"My aunt recruited me to be a contact tracer, and the Spanish helps," she said. "When we have Spanish speakers, sometimes it's hard to share this information with them and tell them what's going on. The health department has access to an interpretation service, but there's just a disconnect when you use an interpreter, so it takes out the middle man and makes things more personal and easier to share information."

That information includes things about testing, social distancing, hand washing and mask-wearing.

Mueller said a lot of what they do is education about disinfecting their households and how to separate themselves from their non-positive household members. They even check in on them about their financial circumstances or food situation.

The public health nurses know exactly what programs and services are available in Berrien County to help them with what they might need to properly isolate.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Public health nurses Karen Kortebein, front, and Ericka Mueller work as COVID-19 case investigators with the Berrien County Health Department.

"We especially ask them about their food situation and if they don't have resources, we try to call different agencies to help out so they have those resources," Mueller said.

But sometimes it's hard to tell them that information because they lack a needed phone number.

Mueller said, for example, sometimes calls have to be made to the doctor who ordered the COVID-19 test to get a patient's phone number. She said for the most part, friends do give up their friends' phone numbers pretty easily for contact tracing purposes.

Kortebein said she sometimes tells people to give their friends a heads up that she'll be calling them.

"We also have to call employers if they were working, and make sure the bosses are doing the right things, social distancing and masking," she said.

Making constant phone calls is just one challenge, but making sure people stay quarantined is another, the women said.

"Sometimes you can hear things in the background like the ding of an open car door," Kortebein said.

But for the most part, the contact tracers and case investigators are met with thankfulness.

Mucha said a lot of the people are just scared.

"We try our best to be here for our contacts," she said. "I've made some very real connections with my people and I think that's what we're here to do. Of course we provide information for them, but also just to ease some of that fear. It's always nice to know that someone is there to care for you or someone knows what's going on with you."

Kortebein said she got into public health because she cares about her community.

"And I want them to be well and safe, and have the information available to help them make the best decisions," she said.

Mueller said being an "essential worker" has been tough.

"A lot of our friends and family ask us how we're doing all the time," she said. "For a while there we were working seven days a week. Now we take turns on the weekends, so it's a little easier, but you're still working a lot, and you need to make sure you're taking care of yourself."

Outperforming the state

The contact tracing team at the Berrien County Health Department has many reasons to be proud of the work they're doing, but it's also reflected in the data.

Since mid-May, when Michigan started keeping track of contact tracing metrics, Berrien County has consistently been a state leader.

Last week the county contacted 80 percent of its new COVID-positive patients within the first 24 hours, while the state averaged 72 percent. When it comes to eliciting a contact from a positive person within the first day, Berrien County did that about 90 percent of the time last week, while the state average is around 50 percent.

BCHD Spokesperson Gillian Conrad said the data is a testament to the extreme hard work, passion, energy and intense focus the team has had.

"Hopefully people will really start to understand the value of their local public health departments and what our staff have been able to do for this community," she said.

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BARS

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Mickey's doesn't have to close down entirely, as it now has the capacity to seat 40 people outdoors. However, Moore said they are also losing 70 indoor seats for a major holiday weekend.

"We're a bar and with the weather being so hot, people don't want to sit outside when they drink. We're lucky if we keep our heads above water after this," Moore said. "It's one of the biggest drinking weekends of the year. This hurts."

Moore also said he had anticipated Whitmer's decision.

"She's obviously been on the front end of doing the most safe things she can. I'm not upset about keeping people safe, but there was no notice or warning," he said. "And this is only affecting the bars. I feel we are being unfairly treated."

Havlicek said there is no timeline on when Southwest Michigan bars will be able to offer indoor service again. At the earliest, Havlicek said things could reopen after the holiday weekend.

But he said that's the best-case scenario, as the governor's restart plan is devoid of timelines.

"I hope this is a wake-up call that a few bad apples can set us backward," Havlicek said.

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of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, and no Navy Pier fireworks show in Chicago.

Even personal events will have a different look. Jason Wanzer has hosted a party in Danbury, Connecticut, for more than a decade, with a professional disc jockey, organized games and fireworks.

He trimmed this year's guest list from 100 to 30, fearing bringing older people more susceptible to the disease or young children who could easily spread it. And the activities he spends days setting up are on a hiatus.

"This year is basically just the food," he said.

But whether it's big cities or small towns bursting with pride, there's a desire to make sure some show goes on, no matter what it looks like.

In New York, the Macy's annual summer spectacle was replaced by a series of smaller, surprise shows. They've been ringing out all week, leading into the televised finale Saturday.

By not announcing the locations and keeping the performances to five minutes, crowds can't gather in large numbers like they usually do along the riverfront.

Crowds are being welcomed on the National Mall, where U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt promised a fireworks display that would be "the largest in recent memory," with more than 10,000 to be launched following a Defense Department air show.

But while President Donald Trump is eager for excess, Washington's mayor is not. The city's parade is canceled and Muriel Bowser reminded those considering the National Mall show – held on federal grounds and not under the city's jurisdiction – to "Ask yourself, do you need to be there?"

That was never a concern, when July 4 was a day for dressing up in red, white and blue, coming out to salute military heroes, then staying out until dark to watch fireworks light up the sky.

This year, many celebrations will be virtual. Outdoor events such as the Boston Pops performance or Philadelphia's fireworks will have to be watched on TV or streaming devices – and some will be replays.

Bryan Williams is ready for either.

The owner of the Keller Feed & Wine Company in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, is advertising items such as ribs and pulled pork for people who want to order catering for an at-home holiday weekend. But with the virus numbers low in his county even as they climb elsewhere in the state, his town's fireworks are still on and he thinks people will be eager to go.

"Unfortunately tourism is down, and with so many large area events canceled, and so many locals still furloughed or without work, I think our town is really looking forward to celebrating the Fourth this weekend," Williams said. "It will be the first real chance for this tight-knit community to get together – with social distancing of course – since March."

Some places won't have that option.

Beaches are closed in parts of Southern California and South Florida, where many fireworks shows are canceled and everyone who attends the ones that remain are being told to watch them from inside their cars.

Bars aren't serving alcohol there, either.

Beer may be out in Miami but hot dogs are still on the menu in New York – probably dozens of them for champion chomper Joey Chestnut.

The Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest will be held in Coney Island, but without the usual crowd of live spectators on the boardwalk. A private venue will stage the competition, which will feature five eaters in the men's and women's competitions instead of the usual 15, allowing for more social distancing.

For Steve Edenbo, this Fourth of July is the biggest challenge of his career.

The professional actor portrays Thomas Jefferson and for the last 19 years has been at the National Archives in Washington to read the Declaration of Independence. That's a Zoom performance this year, one he couldn't practice in front of a live audience with theaters shut since March.

Plus, he knows he needs to dig deeper into Jefferson's role as a slave owner, as the Black Lives Matter movement forces Americans to re-examine the country's past.

"It's, how do we deal with the Fourth of July?" Edenbo said. "This is unlike anything I've had in my career for those deeper reasons."

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Steve Neubecker, St. Joseph interim director of public safety, talks about his department's use of force policy during a Berrien County Community Forum on Justice in Policing Friday night at the Berrien County Courthouse.

Holding police accountable

Forum discusses how to improve law enforcement

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Police need to be held accountable for their actions and the "good old boys" network has to stop.

That's what the about 50 people heard Thursday at the Berrien County Community Forum on Justice in Policing, which took place in the parking lot of the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph.

On the panel was Benton Harbor Commissioner Ron Singleton, a former police officer and police chief with the city. He said that when he first wanted to be a police officer in his home town, he was discouraged.

"A lot of excuses came up," he said. "They said you can't police your community because you were related to too many people. That was an excuse that came up, I believe, to keep the good old boys system going."

He said Americans have come to the conclusion that police need to be held accountable.

"We should live up to the oath of office and do what you swore to do," he said. "It's time for those good officers, and there's plenty, it's time to not be silent no more."

But he said it isn't going to be easy.

"The power is with the people," he said. "... I think it's going to take a sustained effort. We need to be on this like a bulldog. The only time you let up is to get a better grip."

Communities should form citizen review boards to handle citizen complaints against police officers, said Chokwe Pitchford, a representative from the SHARP Foundation, which sponsored the forum. He is also a candidate for the 79th District state representative seat.

"And put some power behind that board," he said.

In addition, he said the root of the problem – poverty – needs to be addressed. He said that if people are given pathways out of poverty and into the middle class, then the crime rate will fall.

St. Joseph Interim Director of Public Safety Steve Neubecker said that his officers are constantly going through training regarding how to deescalate tense situations so police force is not needed. He said the city's last officer-involved shooting was in 1967.

St. Joseph City Commissioner Laura Goos said Neubecker made

Members of the public follow social distancing guidelines during a Berrien County Community Forum on Justice in Policing on Friday.

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commissioners aware of the "8 Can't Wait" campaign to bring immediate change to police departments. Those changes include requiring police officers to give a warning before shooting and a ban on chokeholds.

She said city commissioners are reviewing police policies to see if any need to be changed.

The 10-person panel also included St. Joseph City Manager John Hodgson, Benton Harbor Area Schools Superintendent Andrae Townsel, Berrien County Commissioner Don Meeks, former Benton Harbor police officer Andrew Collins, community organizer Kim Gane and Ray Bell, a SHARP Foundation representative and candidate for District 5 of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

Gwen Swanigan, founder of the SHARP Foundation, said the forum is a call to action to make sure that real change takes place to stop systemic racism, which is taking place across America, including in Southwest Michigan.

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Emma Hearth & Market is on the move

Pizzeria to open in downtown Bridgman

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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BRIDGMAN — A pizzeria that opened its first physical location in downtown Benton Harbor last year is in the midst of a change.

Emma Hearth and Market is moving to Bridgman, where the owners say they will run the business in the space below the Monogram Inn & Suites at the corner of Lake Street and Red Arrow Highway.

Owner Steve Zieverink said the new space, at 9729 Red Arrow Highway, is larger than the previous location and will allow them to make wood fire pizza, handmade pasta, sandwiches, create an Italian market and wine bar, while also supporting the need for more outdoor patio space during the COIVD-19 pandemic.

"We're already moved in. We're installing the oven next week and are trying to fast-track things because of COVID," Zieverink said. "The city of Bridgman has been extremely supportive."

He said there have been no hurdles so far as all the mechanical work is complete.

All of the pizzeria's equipment was already ordered, which will include a Naples-style oven that can cook eight pizzas at a time.

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Steve Zieverink and his wife, Wendy Uhlman, hope to open their restaurant, Emma Hearth & Market, next month at a new location along Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman.

Zieverink said they will also incorporate an electric oven that can heat up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Zieverink said they are pushing for an Aug. 1 grand opening.

"That's a pretty aggressive timeframe, but I think it's feasible," he said.

Having spent several years operating out of a food truck at various farmer's markets and breweries, Zieverink and his wife, Wendy Uhlman, opened on June 20, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

However, they are moving on from the 225 E. Main St. location, as Emma Hearth & Market was still running a food truck out of the garage portion of the building.

"We wanted to make it work there. We finally had to let it go and are really bummed about it," Zieverink said. "For us, it was a business decision. Even though there are a lot of empty buildings in Benton Harbor, it's hard to get a restaurant up and running."

Zieverink said they still plan to do some collaboration events in Benton Harbor with other restaurants, such as Houndstooth.

"The popup location we had great success with and wanted to make that a permanent building space for us," he said. "In the end we came across a lot of timeline issues. Our lease was up and we decide to move on."

The couple met developer Marty Mason, who had a space open below the Monogram Inn & Suites.

Upon further inspection, they discovered the building was ready to go and would be the fastest way for them to set up a more traditional brick-and-mortar business.

At the Bridgman location, Zieverink said they plan to secure a wine and beer license, while opening an Italian deli and sell produce from their Coloma farm.

Zieverink and Uhlman already use ingredients and toppings grown on their farm, including tomatoes, basil, herbs and peppers.

Uhlman and Zieverink have owned the farm since 2013, which has since been certified as an organic farm.

They plan to also bring back Food Truck Fridays where an array of food trucks known to Southwest Michigan will be parked in front of the business.

Emma Hearth & Market will be open for lunch and dinner. Specific hours for the reopening have not been decided yet, but Zieverink said they will be similar to last year.

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LMC cuts fall tuition by 10 percent, restructures class options

By HP STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — This fall Lake Michigan College will discount tuition by 10 percent for all degree-seeking students, college officials have announced.

It is one of several adjustments the college is making as the coronavirus pandemic continues to alter life in Southwest Michigan and beyond.

The 10 percent discount will be automatically adjusted to each student's fall tuition bill. Reimbursements will be processed for those who have already paid.

"Families are struggling right now with unemployment and other financial challenges due to COVID-19," LMC President Dr. Trevor A. Kubatzke said in a news release. "We felt it was important to do whatever we could to make sure that our community has access to a college education. Students shouldn't have to put their futures on hold because of this pandemic."

The fall 2020 semester begins Tuesday, Sept. 8, with a variety of delivery options. Students can study online in their own time, and/or participate in scheduled classes in which they interact with professors and classmates via webcam. Classes that require hands-on learning that cannot be delivered remotely will have limited in-person instruction and follow safety guidelines.

"We designed our fall semester to ensure the health and safety of our students and employees, while also providing high-quality learning experiences," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Leslie Kellogg. "We listened to our students' concerns and worked with our faculty to create a flexible, safe and effective plan to help students achieve their educational goals."

The college has developed five course delivery options for next semester. They are:

- **Flexible learning environment (FLE)**: These offer the most flexibility for students. Students may choose to interact with their instructor and classmates by webcam during regularly scheduled class sessions or watch recorded class sessions online at a time that is convenient for them.
- **Online**: All instruction will be delivered online. There are no scheduled class sessions.
- **Remote**: All class session will be held remotely by webcam on scheduled days and times.
- **Hybrid/remote**: A significant portion of instruction will be delivered online with

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High winds from weekend storm still being evaluated

Weather service: Gusts approached 100 miles per hour near Covert

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

COVERT — National Weather Service meteorologists are still determining whether a severe thunderstorm that ripped through sections of northwest Berrien County and Van Buren County on June 26 was the result of straight-line winds or perhaps a tornado.

After an initial review of damage caused by the storm, the National Weather Service's Grand Rapids office stated on Tuesday, "Most of it is straight-line winds." However, on Thursday a spokesperson for the Grand Rapids office stated the damage survey is not yet complete.

"They're still investigating a couple of questionable spots," he said.

The storm began late Friday night, June 26, and continued into early Saturday morning, leading to multiple reports of downed trees and power outages, along with damage to cars and roofs hit by debris.

A preliminary report issued from the National Weather Services on Tuesday showed that there were two paths of destructive "wind swaths," running at an angle from southwest to northeast.

The first wind swath struck land in southern Covert Township near 29th Avenue, packing wind gusts between 85-95

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Diego A. Flores-Valero, 26, of Chicago, two concurrent terms of 7 days in jail, credit for 7 days served, $397 in costs, $16,000 in restitution and 3 years probation for assault with a dangerous weapon, a vehicle, and operating while intoxicated June 26, 2019, in Chikaming Township.

Aaron J. Gatlin, 26, of Alma Street, Benton Harbor, 60 days in jail and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Christian Campbell March 4 in Sodus Township.

Jeremiah H. Preston, 29, of U.S. 12, New Buffalo, 1 year in jail, credit for 42 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence, third offense, an assault on a woman, May 12 in Three Oaks.

Traletta Rashonda-Nicole Porter, 38, of Washington Street, Benton Harbor, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, $1,478 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a woman with a baseball bat, Oct. 24, 2019, in Benton Township.

Uttering/publishing

Snunich A. Hunta, 42, of Pipestone Street, Benton Harbor, 45 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,568 in fines and costs, 40 hours community service and 18 months probation for uttering and publishing a false, forged, altered or counterfeit record, a check, Aug. 15, 2019, in St. Joseph.

Drunken driving

Ronnie T. King, 50, of Union Street, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 49 days served, $3,123 in fines and costs, 90 days on SCRAM tether, 480 hours community service and 3 years probation for operating while intoxicated, third offense, May 5 in Benton Harbor.

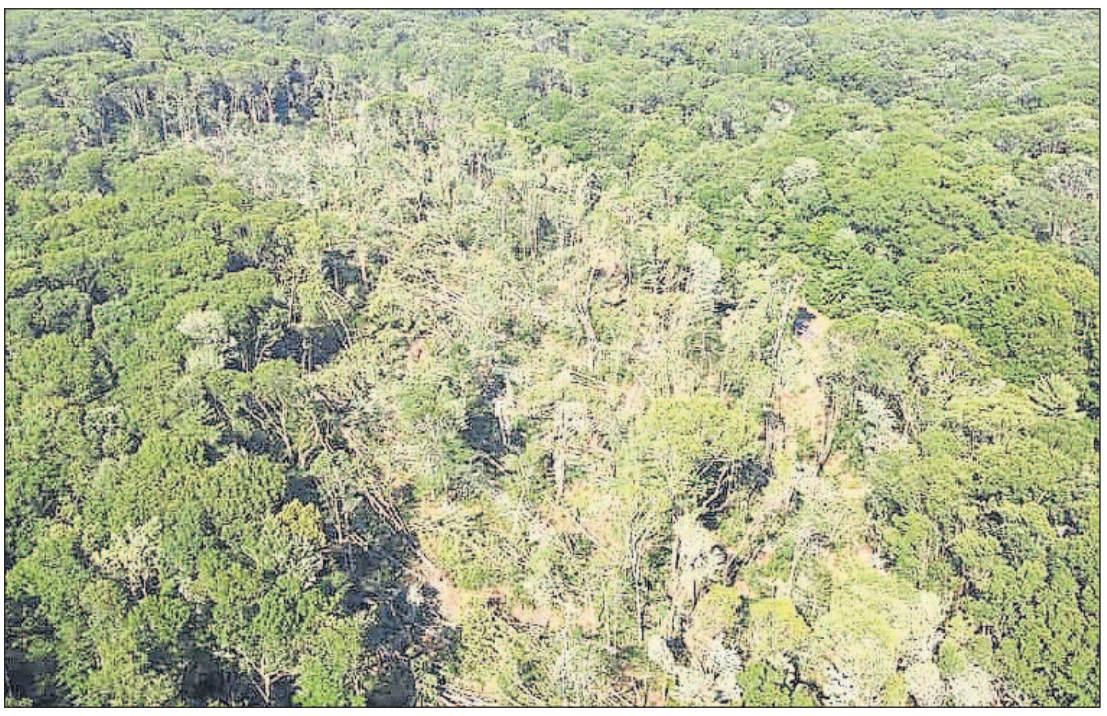
Drugs

Matthew A. Hammons, 36, of Kewanee, Ill., 44 days in jail, credit for 44 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, May 10 in Benton Township.

Niles

Assault

Ahren M. Canfield, 25, of Galien-Buchanan Road, Buchanan, 15 days in jail, credit for 15 days served, $658 in fines and costs, 180 days on tether and 2 years probation for domestic violence, third offense, an assault on a woman April 19 in Niles Township.



Christopher Burrows of South Haven flew his drone to capture images of the line of downed trees in Covert Township that occurred when a thunderstorm carrying wind speeds of up to 95 mph tore through the area near Blue Star Highway.
Photo provided / Christopher Burrows

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miles an hour, according to the National Weather Service. That storm line headed northeast through the township roughly along CR 378 and into Bangor along M-43 to Paw Paw. The second storm line, which was wider, started near Paw Paw Lake in northern Berrien County near Coloma and Watervliet, with wind gusts of 65-85 miles an hour. The wind swath then headed in a path almost parallel that of Interstate 94, causing damage in Hartford, Paw Paw, Mattawan and Texas Charter Township before dissipating near I-131 in Kalamazoo.

Covert Township Fire Chief Doug Myers said that heavy damage from downed trees and electrical power lines also occurred through much of southern Van Buren County, from the narrower storm line.

"There was significant damage throughout Van Buren County," he said, "specifically Covert, Bangor, Hartford, Lawrence and Paw Paw. Several roads were completely blocked."

In Covert, most of the damage from uprooted and downed trees could be seen on Blue Star Highway between fire lanes 3 and 7; 76th Street between County Road 376 and County Road 378; and 38th Avenue and 34th Avenue.

"As far as I know, no homes were destroyed but there were several vehicles and structures that had cosmetic damage," Myers said.

Elaine Crafton of Covert said on the National Weather Service's Facebook site that she was "right in the thick of it," when the storm hit. "It sounded like a freight train when it hit the house," she posted. "The tree damage here is unbelievable. I have trees uprooted that were huge, leaving six-foot holes in the earth; others snapped off, yet others a twisted mess. Crazy night."

Matthew S. Davis posted that he was at a campground in Covert when the storm occurred.

"It felt like a tornado," he said. "Multiple trees blown in different directions, the fire in the fire pit was changing direction with the wind super weird."

More than 20,000 I&M electric customers lost their power. Power to most customers was restored by Monday. I&M also reported 34 broken poles, including 22 in the Benton Harbor area.

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some remote class sessions by webcam required on scheduled days and times.

■ **Hybrid/face-to-face**: A significant portion of instruction will be delivered online. There also will be some on-campus, face-to-face class sessions required for hands-on learning that cannot be completed online. On-campus class sessions will be scheduled in small groups following safety protocols that minimize risks to the greatest degree possible. Programs and disciplines requiring some hands-on learning include advanced manufacturing, computer networking, criminal justice, culinary, health sciences, natural sciences, visual & performing arts, and wine and viticulture technology.

LMC's campuses will reopen to the public on Monday, July 13, with in-person services for current and prospective students. Remote services will also continue to be available.

In addition, all seven intercollegiate athletic teams are also planning to resume beginning with the fall season, and plans are being finalized to reopen Beckwith Hall, a dormitory, with reduced capacity.

"We are all eager to reopen our campuses for the fall 2020 semester, but we will do so with the health and safety of our students, employees and community as our top priority," Kubatzke said.

To decrease the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, everyone on campus must practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of space between each other. A daily symptom check at the front entrance of each campus and masks will be required for everyone entering campus facilities. More information regarding LMC's safety protocols can be found at www.lakemichigancollege.edu/covid19.

For details on the Fall class delivery options, visit www.lakemichigancollege.edu/flexible. To apply for the fall semester, visit www.lakemichigancollege.edu.

IN BRIEF

Berrien holds steady on COVID-19 cases

Berrien County headed into the holiday weekend after gaining no new addition COVID-19 cases on Thursday.

This keeps the county's confirmed total at 736 cases. The county added four presumed cases this week, and no new deaths.

Berrien County added six COVID-19 recoveries Thursday, bringing its total to 634.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 42 active cases, 22 more than were active last Thursday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating one COVID-19 patient as of Thursday morning.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department released its weekly number of recovered COVID-19 patients Thursday.

There are now 143 people recovered in Van Buren County, an addition of 17 recoveries since last week.

Van Buren County now has 205 cases and seven deaths. With deaths and recoveries, the county has about 55 active cases, about 12 less than last week.

Cass County now has 85 recoveries, seven more than last week.

The county is now at 137 total confirmed cases and five deaths. With deaths and recoveries, the county has about 47 active cases, about 11 more than last week.

July 15 tax filing deadline won't be extended

Michelle Singletary

If you were hoping to get some additional time to pay your tax bill, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig says, don't plan on it.

In testimony to the Senate Finance Committee, Rettig said the July 15 tax-filing deadline would not be extended.

Because of stay-at-home orders in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the April 15 deadline to file a federal return was shifted to mid-July. In an interview late last month, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin had said he was "thinking about" another extension.

But on Tuesday, Rettig said that's no longer the case, telling senators that "too many dates begins to get a little confusing."

National Treasury Employees Union president Tony Reardon disagrees. Reardon argues that the IRS should push the tax deadline to Oct. 15 for all taxpayers. Typically, Oct. 15 is the deadline for people who file for an extension during a normal tax season.

"I still hold the view that it is important to change the filing season to be extended to Oct. 15," Reardon said in an interview. "That would give the IRS more breathing room. It would give more time to make sure that all the social distancing that needs to take place on the campuses and other workplaces are able to happen. … And it gives them more time to get the work done that they need to get done."

With a significant and troubling increase in COVID-19 cases, Reardon said IRS employees are concerned about returning to their work sites.

"Federal employees should not have to risk their lives to go back to work," he said. "I think we've got to find a sort of a balance between safety and also making sure that the work is done."

Reardon said another extension would also be better for taxpayers.

"They've not been able to get questions answered in all cases. If they sent in correspondence to the IRS, they haven't gotten responses. So, this kind of gives the entire system more breathing room. I think it's really a common-sense response to this whole thing."

For now, if you owe the IRS, get your return and payment in by July 15. If you need more time, file IRS Form 4868 by July 15 to obtain an automatic extension to Oct. 15. You don't need to justify why you will miss the tax deadline.

Be aware that an extension does not mean you can postpone your payment, too. Rather, it just allows extra time to file your federal return. If you can't pay your total debt, pay as much as you can, and ask for a payment plan, something you can easily do at irs.gov. Stay away from companies offering tax debt settlement. Such services are costly and often don't deliver promised relief.

Despite office closures and other extreme conditions as a result of the pandemic, IRS employees have done some exceptional work.

"I want to acknowledge the tremendous job the IRS has done," National Taxpayer Advocate Erin Collins said in her first report to Congress. "The IRS has postponed over 300 filing, payment, and other time-sensitive deadlines while undertaking to quickly disburse the Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act."

Nonetheless, Collins listed a number of issues that have adversely impacted taxpayers.

As Collins noted, taxpayers have complained about the tremendous backlog created when the IRS stopped processing paper returns. As of May 16, there was a backlog of 4.7 million paper returns, Collins reported to Congress.

Rettig addressed this issue during Tuesday's hearing. He said that the IRS has 12.3 million pieces of mail, which include paper returns.

"We are in the process of a phased-in reopening of some of our operations when and where it is safe to do so," he testified. "In this regard, we are processing paper returns. We are tackling the backlog of mail and reopening our phone lines. We are prioritizing refunds and customer service operations."

IRS is processing about a million paper returns a week, the commissioner told senators.

There's a lot to catch up on, according to Collins. She noted that some returns were mistakenly flagged by IRS processing filters as possibly being fraudulent, delaying the distribution of refunds to filers.

IRS filters are designed to detect identity theft or refund fraud. The "false positive" flagging meant taxpayers had to mail in documentation to prove their return wasn't fraudulent. The problem is that the IRS stopped opening and processing mail because of the pandemic.

"Refund delays can have a significant financial impact on low-income taxpayers, as refunds often constitute a significant percentage of their annual household incomes," Collins said in her report. "Notably, some of the refund delays have been generated by claims for the earned income tax credit or additional child tax credit."

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Ask the Fool

Board of Directors

Q Where can I see a list of a company's board of directors? — *J.L., Tacoma, Washington*

A Go to the company's website and look around for a link or tab that says "About" or "Company." There you'll often find photos and brief descriptions of the board. You can also just call the company to inquire — ask for the investor relations department when you call.

Another source is the company's annual report. The 10-K reports and proxy ("DEF 14A") statements that public companies file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also typically include board members, along with their compensation and stock ownership. Visit **SEC.gov** and search under "Filings."

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Q I see that Hertz has filed for bankruptcy protection and its stock has crashed. Does that make it a good buy now? — *H.W., Detroit*

A Absolutely not.

When a company files for bankruptcy protection, it typically gets a chance to reorganize itself and try to pay off its creditors as much as possible. Hertz might sell some of its fleet to pay off holders of its secured debt. It might negotiate to pay holders of its unsecured debt a lesser sum, perhaps also offering them shares of newly minted stock.

Shareholders of its common stock won't be that lucky, though. In most bankruptcies, these folks typically end up with little or nothing, with their shares of stock essentially discontinued. When companies emerge from bankruptcy, as many of them do, they may still have shares of stock you can buy — but those will be newly minted shares, leaving the old ones worthless (or near-worthless).

Companies in or facing bankruptcy are in trouble, and are best avoided.

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The Best Places for Your Investments

There are different kinds of investment accounts — such as Roth and traditional IRAs and 401(k)s, as well as regular taxable accounts — and some are better suited for certain kinds of investments than others.

Traditional IRAs and 401(k)s accept pretax money, giving you an upfront tax break and taxing withdrawals in retirement at your ordinary income rate. Meanwhile, dividends from real estate investment trusts (REITs) and interest from most bonds are also generally taxed at your ordinary income tax rate, which could top 30%. So if you think you'll be in a lower tax bracket in retirement, you might park investments with such tax rates in traditional retirement accounts. Or you could aim to avoid taxation on your gains completely by parking those investments in Roth accounts, which accept post-tax contributions and offer tax-free withdrawals (if you follow the rules).

The tax rate on most dividends from dividend-paying stocks is currently 15% for most of us and 20% for high earners. Thus, you might invest in such stocks — especially ones that pay fat dividends — in Roth IRAs to eliminate taxation on them, or in traditional IRAs if you expect a low future tax rate.

If you expect any stocks, including dividend payers, to appreciate significantly over a long period, consider putting them in Roth accounts. If a stock soars in value over some years, you'll be happy if you don't have to pay any taxes on those gains. Roth accounts can also be good for investments that generate short-term gains, which would face generally higher tax rates elsewhere.

Investments that might be made in your regular brokerage account include slower-growing stocks, as well as municipal bonds, which reward you with tax-free interest. Any gains from stocks held for more than a year in those accounts will face the long-term capital gains tax rate, which is currently 15% for most investors.

You probably can't follow these guidelines completely in your investing life, but do keep tax implications in mind as you invest, and try to be strategic when deciding what investments to hold in various accounts.

My Dumbest Investment

Not-Good-Enough Reasoning

My dumbest investment was buying shares of InvenSense, maker of motion-sensing chips, for around $25 each because — and this is the entirety of my reasoning — it was a supplier for Apple, which sells a lot of phones. I did no other research. It dropped, and I immediately sold.

Then I bought into GT Advanced Technologies for the same reason at $20, doubled down at $10, and eventually sold my shares for pennies. I learned to do my own research. It's worked out nicely. — *Steven M.W., online*

The Fool Responds: Your reasoning was great — as a starting point. Apple has sold over 2 billion phones, and that has driven profits for many of its suppliers. But it's just a starting point. When a company has one or two main customers, it has less bargaining power with them — and Apple accounted for the majority of InvenSense's business. Also, InvenSense was hoping to get its chips into the Apple Watch, but that didn't happen. InvenSense ended up being acquired by the Japanese company TDK in 2017.

Meanwhile, GT Advanced Technologies, a maker of sapphire glass, had been struggling financially when it inked a deal with Apple that was very favorable to Apple. It hoped to have its offerings included in the iPhone 6, but that didn't happen; it ended up filing for bankruptcy protection in 2014. Tread carefully if your portfolio prospects have few customers or shaky finances.

The Motley Fool Take

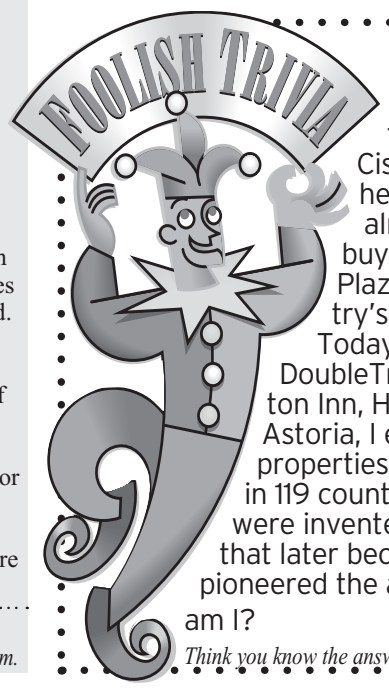
Gushing About Oil

ExxonMobil (NYSE: XOM) is suffering through a disrupted oil market, and it's going to be some time before supply and demand are brought back into some form of harmony. This makes profitability virtually impossible in the near term for most oil stocks.

Yet over the longer run, ExxonMobil is well-positioned to thrive. Remember that this is an integrated oil giant that's not solely dependent on drilling and exploration. Yes, drilling is what offers the company its greatest growth prospects. But this is a company with plenty of cash flow potential from its downstream operations, such as refining and petrochemical operations. For the foreseeable future, ExxonMobil is expected to lean on its downstream segment, which should benefit from weaker crude oil prices.

ExxonMobil has the size and scale to optimize its production costs — and the luxury of cutting back on capital expenditures to control cash outflows during a period of unprecedented demand weakness. Recently, the company cut $10 billion from its capital spending forecast for 2020. Management plans to keep the company's dividend intact for now, but that could change. Still, even if the dividend were reduced to a third of its recent level, it would offer a reasonable payout — its dividend recently yielded 7.7%.

ExxonMobil's balance sheet is solid, too, with a debt-to-capital ratio better than most of its peers. The company is likely to emerge from the pandemic economy in good shape.



Name That Company

I began in 1919, when my founder bought a hotel in Cisco, Texas, instead of the bank he'd planned to buy. In 1943, I already had hotels in California; buying New York's Roosevelt and Plaza hotels, I became the country's first coast-to-coast hotel chain. Today, with brands including Conrad, DoubleTree, Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn, Homewood Suites and Waldorf Astoria, I encompass more than 6,100 properties with more than 971,000 rooms in 119 countries and territories. Brownies were invented, in 1893, at a Chicago hotel that later became one of my properties. I pioneered the airport hotel concept, too. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to Rochester, New York, in 1971, when I was founded with $3,000 and the goal to offer affordable payroll services to small businesses. I went public in 1983, and my stock has split 10 times since then. Today, with a market value recently near $27 billion, I rake in close to $4 billion annually. I serve more than 650,000 small and medium-sized businesses across the U.S. and Europe, offering help with recruiting and hiring, onboarding, performance management and benefits. I pay 1 out of every 12 Americans who work in the private sector. Who am I? (Answer: Paychex)

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Some taxpayers face a desperate wait for refunds

Liz Weston

As a 58-year-old woman on disability, Robin Short relies on her tax refund to catch up on bills. She filed her return electronically in February, opting for direct deposit so she could get her $773 refund quickly.

She's still waiting, as are millions of others. The IRS is slowly resuming operations after pandemic-related lockdowns, but delayed refunds are devastating some people's finances.

Tax refunds have become a lifeline

Tax refunds, which last year averaged $2,979, are the largest single infusion of cash for about 30 percent of U.S. families, says Fiona Greig, consumer research director at the JPMorgan Chase Institute, which researches economic issues. While many Americans use refunds to save or to pay down debt, significant numbers rely on the money to cover bills or to get needed medical care – and that was true even before COVID-19 threw millions out of work.

Delayed refunds can lead to evictions, hunger, creditor lawsuits and health problems from postponed medical care, among other ill effects. Many households live so close to the edge that they can experience hardship when a refund is delayed by two or three weeks, let alone several months, says John Thompson, chief program officer for the Financial Health Network, which researches financial challenges facing low- and moderate-income households.

"Not everybody has got the kind of flexibility or resilience to just be able to hold on," Thompson says.

Most IRS operations shuttered by the pandemic

The IRS started shutting down tax return processing centers in March, along with its taxpayer help line, local offices and volunteer assistance programs. Soon after, it focused on sending out more than 159 million payments as authorized by the coronavirus relief package. By mid-May, the agency faced a backlog of 10 million pieces of unopened mail, including paper tax returns.

People who filed electronically generally got their refunds unless those returns were flagged, commonly because of identity theft concerns or a mismatch between the information on the return and what was provided by employers or financial institutions.

In Short's case, the TurboTax software she used counted a $3,800 annual pension payment twice, as both 1099 income and as W-2 income. The IRS sent her a letter about the error and advised her not to contact the agency for 60 days while the issue was resolved. Then, the lockdowns happened.

Short says her pension and monthly Social Security disability checks don't cover her expenses. She makes arrangements to pay overdue bills, such as her power bill, when her refund arrives. Otherwise, she says, the math of living on a low fixed income gets grim.

"Either you miss a payment on the electric bill, or you don't get your medicine," says Short, a former facilities manager and insulin-dependent diabetic who was severely injured when her car was hit by a drunk driver.

Using refunds to catch up

Putting off bills, then using tax refunds to catch up, is a common practice among strapped households, Thompson says. A survey of people who used free filing methods for lower- and moderate-income taxpayers last year found roughly half said they needed their refunds for bills, rent, groceries and other everyday expenses, according to Prosperity Now, a nonprofit that promotes financial security.

People also increase their health care spending significantly after refund checks arrive. A 2018 study of 1.2 million checking account holders found health care spending rose 60 percent in the week after people received refunds, indicating many were catching up on care, Greig says.

It's not clear how long it will take the IRS to address the backlog or when taxpayers can expect their money. People can try using the "Where's My Refund?" tool on the IRS site or call the taxpayer help line, but getting through to a human is difficult even in normal times. Congress has cut the IRS' budget by 20 percent since 2010, leading to a 22 percent reduction in staff, according to acting National Taxpayer Advocate Bridget Roberts. Without adequate staff, the agency answered less than one-third of its calls last year. Another option is to contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service, which has representatives in each state.

Rather than wait for the IRS to return their money each year, taxpayers can adjust their withholding so they get more money in their paychecks. But many don't feel comfortable changing their withholding in case they wind up owing big sums, Thompson says.

"You'd have to predict how the year is going to go," Thompson says. "And what could we possibly predict about this year?"

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hp BUSINESS

Evergreen Real Estate gets new name, look

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — After more than a decade with Evergreen Real Estate, owner Kerry M. Wright II announced his firm will now be known as Wright Properties.

While he will remain connected to Harbor Shores as their exclusive real estate sales and marketing agent, Wright said the rebrand will give him a more unique business identity, refined communication tools, and a more robust online presence.

"I'm proud to represent and serve this beautiful corner of Michigan," said Wright, a Berrien Springs native. "Between my passion for this area and my knowledge of home sales, I was ready to shed the Evergreen name and move forward through a bright, new lens."

Wright became a broker in 2005 while living in Florida, where he helped open four master-planned communities. Afterward, he moved to Chicago, where he was recognized as a top producer in 2008.

Upon returning to Berrien County in 2010, Wright has earned several industry honors and awards, including completion of the Graduate Realtor Institute and has finished in the top 1 percent of sales among all agents in the Southwest Michigan Association of Realtors since 2014.

"My wife and I feel lucky to be raising our daughters here and making the most of all that Southwest Michigan has to offer," Wright said. "We're genuinely excited for this next chapter."

Wright serves as vice president of the St. Joseph school board, is a graduate of Albion College and has a master's from Aquinas College.

Wright Properties is a real estate firm in St. Joseph.

Employers brace for a 'PTO bomb'

By ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Getty Images

CHICAGO — Usually, by mid-year, employees have burned some paid time off on spring break trips or summer getaways.

But with nowhere to get away to during the COVID-19 pandemic, PTO has gone largely unused – and some companies are bracing for an explosion of vacation requests.

"As people slowly get back to the office there could be a PTO bomb whereby everyone will want to take their PTO by year's end," said Brian Alcala, an employment attorney with Nixon Peabody who represents management.

"Vacation-hungry" employees with stockpiles of unused leave present a PTO crunch at one end of the spectrum, said Philippe Weiss, president at Seyfarth at Work, which consults companies on workplace issues. At the other end are "PTO-poor" employees who have exhausted their time off due to the pandemic and will be out of luck if an emergency arises before year's end, he said.

Companies are trying to mitigate the impact by capping the amount of leave employees can take during certain periods, offering to cash out PTO and allowing more vacation days to roll over into next year. Some are setting up programs where employees with excess leave can donate it to those without enough.

Mostly, employers are encouraging workers to take breaks now, not only to fend off a deluge of requests at holiday time but also avoid burnout during a very stressful year.

"Lots of companies have said we're worried about our employees because no one is taking vacation," said Carol Slavek, a partner at Aon and work/life leader. "There is a lot of emotion and fear, and we want them to be able to get away and come back to us ready to work."

At Maestro Health, which administers companies' self-funded health plans, leadership is encouraging employees to take time off so the business isn't hit with excessive absences during the busy benefits enrollment time in the fall, said CEO Craig Maloney. It has increased the number of vacation days employees can roll over into the next year, to 20 from 15, to give additional flexibility.

Employees have taken off 25 percent to 30 percent fewer days so far this year compared to normal years as the pandemic sidelined travel plans and forced everyone to hole up in home offices, Maloney said.

That concerns him because working from home often means working longer hours, spending more time in front of screens and feeling the stress of confinement. He doesn't expect to bring employees back to Maestro's Chicago office until October.

The company offered employees a paid mental health day in April to encourage them to unplug, and closed half a day early Thursday so people could get a head start on the holiday weekend.

"What we want to do is communicate with teammates and urge them to take time off to destress and decompress," Maloney said. "We need to model the right behavior when it comes to days off."

At the Nerdery, a digital business consultancy with offices in Chicago, the amount of PTO taken so far this year is down about 25 percent compared with normal years, said Cassi Hansen, vice president of people operations.

The company has capped the number of vacation days people can take in the fourth quarter at 10, to ensure it is well-staffed when work gets busy. It also doubled the number of days people can roll over into the new year.

Some employees don't want to take vacation when there is nowhere to go, but the company is urging people to take summer breaks to recharge.

For some workers, insufficient leave is a greater concern than managing a surplus.

Federal law does not require employers to offer workers paid leave.

Though many employers expanded paid leave policies for the pandemic, and the government requires those with fewer than 500 employees to provide 80 hours of paid leave for COVID-19 illness or quarantine, some people have run out.

That's often because school and day care closures forced many employees to use PTO to stay home with their kids, said Ben Conley, an attorney in the Chicago office of Seyfarth Shaw. Federal law passed in response to the coronavirus requires employers with fewer than 500 employees to provide paid time off, at two-thirds regular pay, for up to 12 weeks to employees with child care obligations related to COVID-19. But that doesn't apply to larger employers, and businesses with fewer than 50 workers can get an exemption.

One solution has been to set up programs that allow employees to donate their paid time off to other employees who need it for medical emergencies. The donation can be directed at an individual or it can function like a bank and span departments.

It has tax implications – the person receiving the leave will be taxed on it like income – but it is a low-cost way to manage the dual problems of some employees having excess PTO to burn while others don't have enough. Still, an Aon survey found just 9 percent of employers in the survey said they are adopting such programs or considering it.

Many more employers have offered to move people to flexible working schedules so they can juggle work and child care obligations. Others are relaxing rigid counts of PTO days and giving people what they need if a COVID-19-related emergency arises.

A third of companies surveyed by Aon said they were allowing more vacation days to roll over to give people more time to use them.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold lower from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold lower for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from $39-42, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, Gala sold from mostly $22-23, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3 inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Mexico large and standard size sold higher for $38, Michigan offerings brought $45, and white and green standard offerings from Peru sold for $36.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type hand-picked offerings from Georgia sold for $45, with offerings from North Carolina lower for $42-44.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from New Jersey sold for mostly $27-28, while 6-ounce cups with lids sold from $19.50-20. Organic offerings from California sold steady for $26.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium size from California sold higher from mostly $17-18, with fine appearance offerings $20-22, while organic offerings brought $20, with fine appearance $29.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower for $28-29, with organic offerings lower from $40.50-41.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold from $26-28, with red type $21.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold lower for $24-25, with organic offerings lower for $38.

CHERRIES: 18-pound cartons of eight bagged red sweet varieties from Washington of 10 row size sold from $72-75.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color and yellow from Georgia sold lower from mostly $34-36.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold from mostly $25-27, with selects higher for $22 and large mostly $21-23, while carton 24s sold from mostly $10-12. Pickles of 200-300 size from New Jersey sold lower for $38.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of medium eggs from Georgia sold higher from mostly $15-17.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher from $26-27, with organic offerings steady for mostly $25-27.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Valencia juice oranges sold steady for mostly $25-26, while 72 count California navels sold steady for $33.

PEACHES: 25-pound cartons loose various yellow flesh varieties from California of 48 size sold from $20-22, with white flesh offerings of 48-50 size sold from $23-24.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Arkansas green jumbos, extra-large and large size sold for $29. Medium-large size jalapeno peppers from Georgia sold for $16, while Hungarian wax sold for $26, large size poblano from Mexico sold higher for mostly $19-21, and extra-large serranos sold for mostly $31-33

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Michigan sold for $15, with medium size $14, and 4/7-bushel cartons of yellow straightneck small-medium size from Mexico sold $33, with medium size $28. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Georgia of large size acorn sold higher for $29.50, while small butternut brought $22.50, and spaghetti large size sold higher for $34.50.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold slightly higher from $18-20, while vine-ripe offerings from Arkansas of 4x4 size sold for $18, while cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold for $18. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Mexico sold from $18-20. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Mexico sold from $18-20. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold steady from $18-19, with large size $16-17.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Honor names vice president of marketing

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Honor Credit Union promoted Stacey Martin from brand manager vice president of marketing.

Martin holds a bachelor's degree in history from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in education with a focus on curriculum and instruction.

Her background includes experience in the civic education realm in both Lansing and Washington, D.C, a decade of teaching social studies at the secondary education level, a venture into real estate sales, and side-projects as a syndicated columnist, blogger and podcast host.

As the vice president of marketing, Martin will lead and support Honor's marketing team in creating and distributing educational content to provide value and clarity in the world of finance.

Wightman adds four new hires to survey team

BENTON HARBOR — Wightman recently added four employees to its survey department.

Brianna White, of Buchanan, joined Wightman as a survey field technician based in the Benton Harbor office. She has field experience in the public services sector, specifically in emergency services and public safety. White is a licensed emergency medical technician and attends Lake Michigan College.

Sebastian Hill, of Pullman, Mich., was hired as a field service technician in the survey department at the Kalamazoo office. He has more than six years of experience in the construction trades. Hill is a licensed residential builder and attended George Mason University and the University of Montana.

Kelsey Terpstra, of Kalamazoo, was hired to provide administrative support for the survey department at the Kalamazoo office. She will do administrative tasks including researching projects and providing proposal support and exceptional customer service to clients. Terpstra is a certified master rain gardener and attends Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Steve Gamba, of Allegan, was hired as a survey project manager at the Allegan office. He has more than 22 years of experience in land surveying including roles as a crew chief, senior engineering technician, and survey department manager. Gamba has an associates of advertising design degree from Colorado School of Art.

What investors look for in small businesses

SCORE

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

Before someone decides to provide financing for your small business, he or she will want to assess the likelihood of your success.

Investors want to avoid excessive risk and put their dollars where they stand to gain financially. As they evaluate the opportunity to fund your business, they'll consider a number of details and characteristics.

The more prepared you are to demonstrate the feasibility of your business idea and your capabilities as a business owner, the better your chances of convincing investors to put their confidence in you.

Among the many considerations that may go into an investor's "yes" or "no" decision to fund your business are:

Business plan: As an outline of your goals and how you intend to achieve them, a business plan serves as the roadmap for your business. A well-thought out, well-researched business plan shows you have done your due diligence and are taking your venture seriously.

Business model: Your business model is the framework of how your business will operate. It serves to provide a view into how your company will generate revenue and make a profit. Prospective investors will want to ensure it seems sustainable and agile to last long term. Business models often include various assumptions about your business including activities your business will engage in, revenue sources, sales channels, customer base, business resources (such as property, website, customer lists, etc.), suppliers/vendors, value proposition, cost structures, and more.

Gross margin: This is the difference between your revenue and your cost of goods sold. It's represented as the percent of total sales revenue after your direct costs for producing your products or services. Gross margin is a much better indicator of whether or not a business has staying power than looking at revenue alone. What's deemed healthy varies from industry to industry, so investors will take that into account when considering your business's gross margin.

Strength of your brand: If you have an established business, investors will also consider the viability of your brand. Is it well known to your target market and how much of that target market has it penetrated? Is it easy to differentiate from your competition?

Sales funnel: Investors will also want to know what opportunities to generate income you have in your sales funnel. Not only will the quantity make an impression, but investors will also have an interest in the quality of those prospects.

Credit history: If these are in good order, it will reflect more favorably on your sense of responsibility and accountability in the eyes of investors.

Professional valuation: With a third party providing an expert estimation of what your company is worth, you'll have an unbiased appraisal to share with investors.

Your professionalism: Investors will want to know the company is in capable hands. If you present yourself professionally, showing up on time with all paperwork and records organized and up to date, you'll exude confidence and competence.

In addition to what's been mentioned here, other factors might also influence an investor's decision. The key to a successful pitch is to put the time and effort required to research, plan and prepare.

For guidance and feedback as you work through the process, contact your local SCORE chapter to talk with a small business mentor.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Run for the Buds 5K now virtual

The Blossomtime Festival's Run for the Buds 5K Run/Walk will be run virtually through Nov. 1.

Cost is $30. Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Anywhere/RunFortheBudsVirtual5K10K.

Race for YMCA 5K/10K now virtual

The ninth annual Race for YMCA 5K/10K will be run virtually from July 18-26.

For more information or to register, go online to www.ymcagm.org/RaceYMCA.

NFL to play Black anthem before national anthem

NEW YORK (AP) — "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" will be performed live or played before "The Star-Spangled Banner" prior to each NFL game during Week 1 and the league is considering putting names of victims of police brutality on helmet decals or jersey patches, a person familiar with the discussions told The Associated Press.

The person said the league is working collaboratively with players to recognize victims of systemic racism throughout the season in a variety of ways. The person spoke to the AP on Thursday on condition of anonymity because discussions between the league and the NFL Players Association are ongoing.

Additional plans include the use of educational programs and storytelling about the victims and their families similar to the league's PSA on Botham Jean released in January and the Super Bowl commercial on Corey Jones featuring his cousin, former NFL star Anquan Boldin.

MLBPA doubles investments ahead of bargaining

NEW YORK (AP) — The Major League Baseball Players Association more than doubled its liquid investments over two years as the sport heads toward collective bargaining that could lead to a spring training lockout in 2022.

The union had $159.5 million in cash, U.S. Treasury securities and investments on Dec. 31, according to a financial disclosure form filed Tuesday with the U.S. Department of Labor. That was up from $102.4 million at the end of 2018 and $80.1 million at the end of 2017.

According to the filing, the union had $24.5 million in cash, $75.4 million in Treasury securities and $59.6 million investments with the entities such as the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., known as Freddie Mac; Federal Home Loan Banks; and Federal Farm Credit Banks. The union typically prepares for bargaining by withholding licensing money due to players and keeping it available to disburse during or after a stoppage.

Baseball's labor contract expires on Dec. 1, 2021. The union has threatened to file a grievance accusing Major League Baseball of bad faith in bargaining during contentious talks to start the pandemic-delayed season.

AREA GOLF

INDIAN LAKE HILLS

MISSING LINKS (WEST) — Low gross: G. Owen 39, N. Johnson 40. Low net: N. Johnson 30, K. Schacknies 33, B. Cheek 33.

Redman in 3-way tie for PGA lead in Detroit

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Doc Redman is playing his best golf, priming him to perhaps earn his first PGA Tour victory.

Redman shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday to share the first-round lead with Scott Stallings and Kevin Kisner in the Rocket Mortgage Classic.

Bryson DeChambeau, the only player with top-10 finishes in each of the last three tournaments, topped the group a stroke back.

The 22-year-old Redman closed with four straight birdies and seven over the last eight holes at the Detroit Golf Club. Last year, he went from being a Monday qualifier to finishing second at the inaugural Rocket Mortgage Classic.

REDMAN

At last week's Travelers Championship, Redman closed with a 63 to tie for 11th – his best performance this season – after tying for 21st the RBC Heritage.

"I've come off two good finishes and a really good finish last year at this event, which has never really happened to me," he said. "So, I've never had this kind of expectation externally or even internally."

Stallings, who tied for sixth last week, birdied his last two holes and three of four. Players with afternoon tee times didn't fare as well, but Kisner was an exception with a bogey-free round.

DeChambeau surged up the leaderboard with four birdies and an eagle over a eight-hole stretch on the back nine. He gave a stroke back, though, with a bogey at the 18th after pushing an 8-foot putt just to the right.

"That really got me a little agitated," DeChambeau said. "It's going to put a little fire in my belly."

Peter Malnati, Emiliano Grillo, Chase Seiffert, J.J. Spaun, Matt Wallace and Chris Stroud matched DeChambeau at 66.

Rickie Fowler, who has missed the cut in the two tournaments he has played since the restart, was among the many players another shot back.

Redman, DeChambeau, Lucas Glover, Tyler Duncan, Viktor Hovland, Mark Hubbard and Brian Stuard have made the cut in all three events since the PGA Tour returned from the COVID-19 shutdown.

On a quiet morning at the fan-free tournament in which the hum of generators was often the only sound, a slew of players took advantage of favorable playing conditions and one of the easier courses on the PGA Tour.

And when their rounds were complete, players took off their caps and extended fists without coming close enough to make contact with one another.

Fowler started with a birdie on his first hole and four on his first six.

His team owns the team

Lutheran's Briney cites his players for his induction into BCAM Hall of Fame

By HP STAFF

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Michigan Lutheran girls basketball coach Ron Briney and the Titans face River Valley during a Division 4 district championship at Michigan Lutheran this past season.

Ron Briney credits his basketball players' "ownership of the team" as the reason behind his success.

Later this year – coronavirus willing – he'll be honored for that ownership.

Briney, the 28-year veteran Michigan Lutheran girls basketball coach, learned Sunday that he's been inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame.

"I've got 41 years of high school basketball coaching in," he said. "I've had that longevity and level of success because the kids have had ownership of the program and its results.

Briney has compiled a stellar 481-147 record (76.6 winning percentage). That includes 15 district and three regional titles.

He argues he's won four regional titles, as the Titans were set to play in the regional finals in March before the season was postponed – and eventually canceled – due to coronavirus concerns.

"I count four," he said with a laugh. "We tied for it, in my mind."

His Titans have won 29 conference championships (Michigan Lutheran was a simultaneous member of the Cornerstone Athletic Conference and Red Arrow Conference from 2004 to 2014).

He's been at Michigan Lutheran as a teacher and coach for 31 years over two stints. He coached junior varsity basketball in Minnesota for 10 years, and another 15 years for the Titans.

"John Eggert (Michigan Lutheran athletic director) got me started in coaching," Briney said. "I've had him both as a mentor and as my AD. He's been a huge positive mentor for me. I've appreciated his support and his help in keeping things going."

He also cites several area coaches who offered advice and inspiration. Some of them are also in the BCAM Hall of Fame.

"Rick Bloodworth (retired St. Joseph coach), Jim Meier (Lakeshore), Jerry Schaffer (River Valley) ... Joe Jarvie (Lake Michigan Catholic), Randy Mast (New Buffalo), a lot of coaches. It's just cool."

In addition, he said he's very thankful for the various varsity and assistant coaches that have surrounded him and helped him build and sustain the Titans' girls basketball program.

One of Briney's fondest memories is perhaps his most recent one – a team with a 22-1 record with enough talent to advance out of the quarterfinal round and into the semifinals.

"We lost to the eventual state champ each time in the quarterfinals," he said. "We truly had a great chance this year. We were by far playing our best basketball.

"That tournament run could've been special. But they all are."

The induction ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 10 at the Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac Hotel. But the ceremony may be held virtually because of coronavirus.

"Summer ball has been non-existent," the coach said. "We'd like to get the gym open in July. Right now, it's pretty much been encouraging the kids to stay in shape.

"Fortunately we have six back from this past team. We'll be pretty experienced. We'll make happen what can happen, provided COVID-19 won't interfere."

White Sox to face Cardinals at Field of Dreams

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The St. Louis Cardinals have replaced the New York Yankees as the opponent for the Chicago White Sox in the Field of Dreams game on Aug. 13 at Dyersville, Iowa.

The schedule change caused by the new coronavirus pandemic meant the White Sox no longer play the Yankees this season. The new opponent, first reported by The Des Moines Register, was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the arrangements who spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the matchup has not been announced.

Major League Baseball hopes to announce its new schedule next week. Each team will play 60 games, 40 against division rivals and 20 against teams in the corresponding regional division in the other league.

"We hope to have the option to play," MLB said in a statement. "Construction is continuing and we are following all CDC and state protocols regarding recommended safety practices, including social distancing, washing hands, and temperature checks before arriving to the site."

It remains unclear whether fans would be allowed at the game, which is to be televised nationally by Fox.

"We are monitoring ongoing events and plan to remain as flexible as these circumstances demand," MLB said.

NASCAR, IndyCar collide for racing feat at Indy

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

Darron Cummings / AP

In this May 26, 2019 photo, Simon Pagenaud leads the field through the first turn on the start of the Indianapolis 500. NASCAR's Cup Series will share a venue with IndyCar on the same weekend for the first time in history.

INDIANAPOLIS — The once-frosty schism between the two biggest racing series in the United States has finally thawed and the result is a blockbuster event at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – even without fans.

NASCAR's elite Cup Series will share a venue with IndyCar on the same weekend for the first time, a doubleheader conveniently forced by the frantic rescheduling required by the coronavirus pandemic. Even so, it is an important step in putting forth a united front for the sake of motorsports.

"We're all racers. We want racing to be successful," said Kevin Harvick, the current NASCAR points leader and a winner at the Brickyard last year. "I know it's kind of had that stigma for a number of years there's the IndyCar guys and there's the NASCAR guys ... racers are racers. Everybody wants to see a good race and be part of a cool event."

The fracture between the two leagues dates to at least 1954 when NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. was allegedly told by IMS security he'd been ordered to leave the speedway. France was already working on his own big race track, Daytona International Speedway, and he vowed it would give Indianapolis a run for its money.

The battle was on and neither side had any desire to build a working relationship. IndyCar, called CART in its heyday, dwarfed the Southern-based stock car series. But the open wheel racing split the mid 1990s in which Tony George created his own series gave NASCAR an opening to capitalize as CART and the Indy Racing League fractured its base. NASCAR exploded in popularity and blew past its bitter rival as the place to race.

As years passed and NASCAR became an annual staple at Indianapolis, the relationship between the two series has improved. Jay Frye, who spent decades working in NASCAR, is now president of IndyCar. Steve Phelps, just the fifth president in NASCAR history, has never held a longstanding vendetta against the series.

Most important, though, is that motorsports titan Roger Penske now owns IndyCar and the speedway and has the juice to broker such a weekend. When the coronavirus pandemic blew holes in both series' schedules, Penske plopped the IndyCar road course race originally scheduled for May on the shared weekend with NASCAR.

IndyCar will open the spectacle on Saturday with its second event of the season, then NASCAR's second-tier Xfinity Series will make its debut later that day on the same road course.

The Cup Series races Sunday on the 2.5-mile oval.

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Sharon Brown hugs a friend during a vigil last month at the African American History and Literature Gallery in Benton Harbor.

Lantern bags, with the names of nurses and health care workers, are lit during a May luminary event at Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph in honor and appreciation of front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hundreds of people walk down Port Street in St. Joseph last month during a peace march held to deal with police brutality and racial inequalities.

MAY AND JUNE: A SECOND LOOK

Photos from the files of The Herald-Palladium Staff Photographer Don Campbell

A sailboat cruises along Lake Michigan during a summer sunset last week near St. Joseph.

Two baby squirrels play in the yard of a St. Joseph Township home in mid-May.

A photographer composes an image as the sun sets in a field of poppies in Fennville. The field was planted by Joan Donaldson and John Van Voorhees in memory of their adopted son, Sgt. Mateo Donaldson, who they lost to suicide after he returned home from a military tour in Afghanistan with PTSD.

Geese gather along the St. Joseph River in Benton Harbor during a May sunset.

A double rainbow forms after storms moved through St. Joseph in late May.

PET OF THE WEEK

Halo is a 1-year-old cat who loves people and cuddling, but is not very fond of other pets. This affectionate girl could make a great therapy or companion animal. It's unknown if she's been with kids. She's a bit traumatized from being abandoned. Halo is spayed and current on shots. To provide her a quiet home, contact Becky with Animal Aid at 926-4279.

Faith UM Church welcomes new pastor

BRIDGMAN — Faith United Methodist Church, 9156 Red Arrow Highway, will welcome its new pastor, Brad Heiple, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Brad was born and raised in Erie, Pa. He has been married to his wife, Stephanie, for 36 years.

The Heiples have two grown daughters and a son, and four grandchildren.

Brad earned his bachelor's degree in biblical literature from Bethel University in Mishawaka, Ind., minoring in Greek and pastoral ministry. He received his master's degree in Christian ministries from Bethel, and earned his master's degree in counseling from Siena Heights University.

In addition to his pastoral duties, he works for the State of Michigan in vocational rehabilitation services in Benton Harbor.

Photo provided
Stephanie and Brad Heiple

Brad enjoys teaching practical messages to live out in today's world, according to a news release. In addition to ministry, Brad and Stephanie enjoy their family, college football and music. Stephanie also enjoys crafting.

VOLUNTEERS

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

To find food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org. To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Hero Care Network

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides critical services to military members, veterans and their families all over the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Be a Friendly Caller

The spread of COVID-19 has created unique challenges for area seniors. Many of the vital local systems older adults have relied on for companionship and social interaction have been put on temporary pause. Seniors need support more than ever.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every week.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

In response, the Region IV Area Agency on Aging has launched a Friendly Caller Program for area seniors who need someone to talk to so they do not feel isolated. Volunteers are needed to call seniors while they are sheltering in place, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help prevent disease and protect health

The Berrien County Health Department needs support as it brings back services. The department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of the Benton Harbor and Niles offices.

The station also provides face coverings/masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain social distancing from others and personal protective equipment needed will be provided by the department.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

Embrace your interdependence

Pat Arter
Generations

Happy Independence Day weekend. I don't know about you, but just the word independence sends me in a lot of different directions of thought. Especially now.

But first, here's your brief history refresher regarding Independence Day. The Fourth of July – also known as Independence Day –has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence. Two days later, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to now, July 4 has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to casual family gatherings and barbecues.

But what does it really mean for us today, in our very real, day-to-day lives?

My husband and I think we're mostly independent. We have good jobs, manage our money, and are fairly healthy. We make our own choices for how we live and what we do, with limitations that our outside of our control.

I wanted to explore a bit beyond my own small world, so I asked some friends and colleagues what independence meant to them. Some responses included:

"Independence means self-determination, making your own choices or, in plain words, being independent – providing for yourself and making your own decisions."

"Having the ability to make my own decisions, creating my own self personality, self value and self esteem, as well as the ways I go about situations. Learning from my mistakes, staying strong in my beliefs, striving to do the best I can do for myself, in my career, and for my family, for pursuing happiness."

"My definition of independence is freedom from the control or influence of others. Now there is no way that anyone can be truly independent. We choose, sacrifice or are forced to give up some of our 'independence' under the banner of the 'greater good.'"

"The independence we choose to give up comes in the form of things like relationships, marriages, partnerships or collaborations. We chose to allow another person or persons to have some control or influence over us, and we in turn have some influence over them – each party trying to not only do what is best for them, but what is best for the partnership. Give and take. Hopefully you have chosen the right people to trust so they look out for you as much as you look out for them."

Common themes for most. The last part makes me think about how our independence is impossible without also being interdependent. That isn't an oxymoron, it's life. While I value my independence, I treasure living in an interdependent community.

A few weeks ago, I stepped in a mole hole in my yard while watering plants and twisted my foot. It hurt, but I assumed it would get better in a few days, which turned into a month. Finally, I saw a doctor (I should've gone sooner!), and now I have a long-term plan to make it right.

I was so glad to have my partner take me to the doctor, listen with me to what the doctor was saying, and move ahead with me on the journey to healing. Could I have done it by myself? Probably. But pressure was taken off my shoulders by his presence, and I know he will be by my side to encourage proper healing.

That's just one small example of interdependence. Other examples include my local farmer, my teammates at work, my children and grandchildren, doctors, water plant workers, and even the bird seed distributor. I "depend" on all of them, and to an extent, they depend on me. My ability to enjoy my independence includes my dependence on those people, and so many others.

I choose interdependence.

Not coincidentally, I work for the Area Agency on Aging, whose mission statement is, "Offering Choices for Independent Lives." I surely didn't know when I started here what a great fit it would be for me. I have been positively influenced by the way that mission statement is reflected in everything the agency does. And, I've grown in my own ability to contribute to the mission.

I challenge you to embrace your independence, and maybe more importantly, embrace your interdependence. If you have a need, and someone extends their hand to you, take it. And if you find yourself in a position to help, do it cheerfully.

We are all better when we look after one another. Happy Fourth of July.

Pat Arter is senior volunteer program director of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each week in The Herald-Palladium.

Look at the serpent

David M. Schell
Insights

There's a story in the Bible, in Numbers 21, about the people of God.

They are in the wilderness, in tents, facing an epidemic: "fiery serpents" come among them and bite them. Many of God's people die.

God tells Moses to make a statue of a fiery serpent like the ones biting the people and put it on a pole. God says, "Anyone who is bitten shall look at the serpent and live." Moses makes the statue, and anyone who looks at it lives.

Imagine: a serious, systemic problem that could be cured just by looking. A statue that, if anyone infected by what it represented would merely look, would be healed. Who wouldn't look?

At this moment in American history, we are living through two pandemics: racism and the coronavirus. Four days after Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin suffocated George Floyd to death, Twitter user @ziwe remarked, "can't believe corona blew a 28-3 lead to racism." @trackallan replied, "Corona's the visiting team. Racism is on its home field."

Yet many in this country refuse to look at either racism or the pandemic. They stuff their fingers in their ears and refuse to know that the infection rate and the death rate are increasing. White Americans refuse to acknowledge what we already know: that to be Black in America is still to be a second-class citizen.

This weekend is the Fourth of July, a celebration for a country whose ideals include the words "all men are created equal" and "liberty and justice for all."

But many refuse to look at the bronze serpent representing our nation's original sin of racism, or the serpent representing the continued spread of a deadly pandemic that could be slowed to a halt with appropriate measures. It's more pleasant to pretend there are no fiery serpents slithering around the camp biting and killing our fellow Americans.

Is it enough to look?

Of course not. When we look, what we will see will require action. But we will never take that action so long as we refuse to see the truth.

We have all been bitten by the deadly snakes of racism and the reality of this pandemic, though most of us have not yet died from either. And while there is life, there is hope.

Look at the serpent.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. David Schell, pastor at Fairplain Presbyterian Church. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each week in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has returned to in-person worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has returned to in-person services with precautions in place. The church now has four weekly services: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays, and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It will continue to hold online services on its Facebook and YouTube pages. For more info, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

All activities at **The Old Rugged Cross Church**, 61041 Vermont St., Pokagon, are canceled until further notice. For more info, visit www.the-oldruggedcross.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page. This week, pastor Adam Bohland will begin a new series, "Messages From the Wilderness." This Sunday he will speak on "The Wilderness."

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, is livestreaming services on its YouTube page due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 208-3844.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. See its complete COVID-19 policies online at www.peacelutheranstjoe.org. The church will continue to stream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages.

Overflow Church in Benton Township will host a virtual VBS at noon daily from Aug. 3-7 for children in preschool through fifth grade. After participants register, they will be sent a kit of art supplies for the week (or a supply list for out-of-area children). For more info, visit www.kidsvirtualvbs.com.

The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Zoom service at **Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, will honor Black Lives Matter with three guest speakers. Darryl Heller, director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center in South Bend, will speak on "Reparation as a Way to Heal Society." Regina Williams-Preston, educator and former South Bend council member, will speak on "Systemic Racism in Public Schools." The Rev. Rudy Gourdine, retired Presbyterian minister and chaplain at Oaklawn Community Mental Health Center in Elkhart, Ind., will speak on his family's experience with racism during World War II. Email Office@BerrienUU.org by 10 a.m. Sunday for the service log-in information.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, will return to in-person worship on July 12. For more info, call 429-1985 or visit pilgrimstjoe.org.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each week as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Email items to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

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Krasl Art Fair artists to be featured online

Some to sell at trio of Summer Art Markets outside the Krasl

ST. JOSEPH — Onsite festivities for the 2020 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff were canceled, but all invited artists with an online presence will be featured on Krasl Art Center's website.

Discover and support new and long-time artists at krasl.org/art-fair/2020-featured-artists/.

Follow the Krasl Art Fair on Facebook and Instagram to meet some of the artists and discover how to purchase their artwork from home.

All 2020 artists will be invited back for the 60th annual art fair on July 10-11, 2021.

The Krasl Art Center also will host outdoor art-buying experiences this month. Summer Art Market on the Green will feature KAC faculty, ceramics guild and shop artists.

Three markets are planned from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 11, 18 and 25 on the oval lawn at the Krasl Art Center. Some artists accept credit cards. All accept cash payments. The markets, and entrance to KAC, are free and open to the public.

Guests and artists will be expected to follow social distancing practices, sanitize hands often, and wear face coverings while at the market. For the protection of the artists, artwork and patrons, pets won't be allowed on KAC grounds during the markets.

The art markets have been underwritten by an anonymous long-time patron of the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff.

Participating artists, which are subject to change, will include:

July 11:

- Jackie Baker, glass artist
- Sydney Taylor, ceramic artist
- Patty Grau, ceramic artist
- Pete Nyce, ceramic artist

July 18:

- Tina Tavolacci, glass and jewlery artist
- Jennifer Zona, ceramic artist
- Amy Story, watercolor artist
- Jamie Huber, ceramic artist

July 25:

- Dani and Rowan Davis, ceramic and fiber artists
- Nicole Rimes, fiber and jewelry artist
- Dennis Tsang, ceramic artist
- Jeff Saylor, ceramic artist

For the most current artist information, visit krasl.org or follow KAC on Facebook and Instagram.

Photo provided / Cory Weaver

Vanessa Severo stars as Frida Kahlo in the one-woman show "Frida ... A Self Portrait."

SHCA to present online performance about Frida Kahlo

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — People who have enjoyed seeing the mini-gardens in South Haven that pay tribute to Frida Kahlo can now learn more about the famous Mexican artist when the South Haven Center for the Arts presents "Frida ... A Self Portrait."

The one-woman, online performance, featuring award-winning actor and playwright Vanessa Severo, will be presented at 5 p.m. July 11. Viewers can register to watch the performance at www.southhavenarts.org/events.

The free production, which will include a 30-minute performance and 30-minute question-and-answer session, is a collaboration between the art center and the South Haven Theatre Series, with funding from the South Haven Community Foundation.

Set on the eve of Kahlo's death in 1954, "Frida ... A Self Portrait" tells the nuanced world of Kahlo's tumultuous yet brilliant life, according to a news release from the South Haven Theatre Series.

Severo, who wrote "Frida ... A Self Portrait," has performed for the past 12 seasons at the Kansas City Repertory Theatre. She has studied at Missouri State University and the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. In 2017, she received a Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowship.

Following her performance, Diana Densmore, a multimedia artist, writer and filmmaker from South Haven, will facilitate the interview segment with Severo. Densmore has been involved with independent films, music videos, commercials and studio TV shows, performing a variety of roles, including production assistant, background actress, production designer and producer.

Densmore has a master's degree in screenwriting from UCLA and a bachelor's degree in film and video studies and creative writing from the University of Michigan. She is currently studying animation at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

"Frida ... A Self Portrait" is part of the art center's online exhibition, "Frida Kahlo's Garden," which continues through Aug. 11.

The indoor exhibition, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, there are a variety of events taking place, including the ongoing self-guided garden tour of businesses and homes throughout the South Haven area that display flowers and plants that Kahlo planted in her garden – a refuge where she often drew inspiration for her artwork.

For more information about the exhibit events, visit www.southhavenarts.org.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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Curb appeal abounds with this modern farmhouse plan. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

House has relaxing master suite

Here's a lovely four-bedroom house plan with a relaxing master suite, open-concept floor plan and a covered rear porch.

The great room flows beautifully into the dining area and modern kitchen, where an island gives homeowners room to hang out. A flexible den near the front of the home could be used in a variety of ways. Don't miss the handy mudroom just off the two-car garage.

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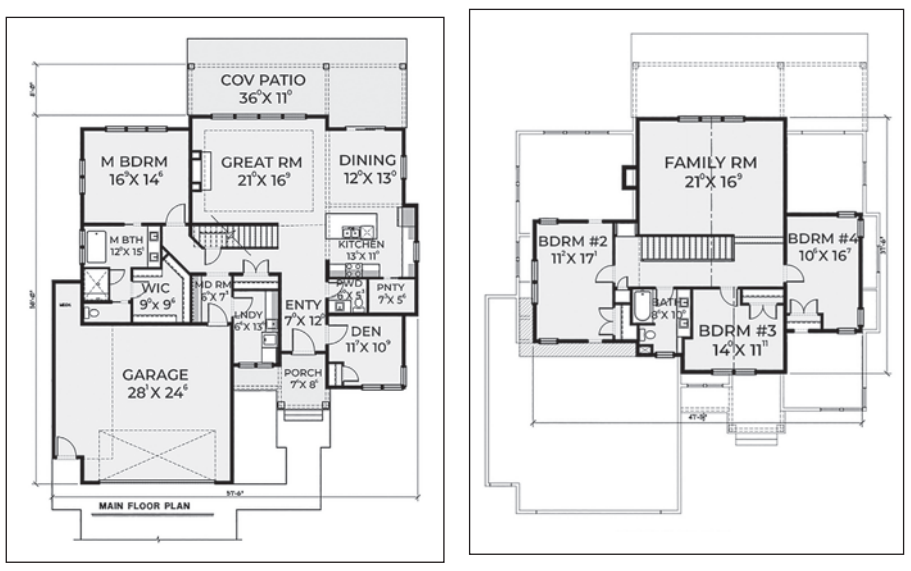

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ON CAMPUS

Southwestern Michigan College

Southwestern Michigan College awarded 376 degrees to the Class of 2020 at its virtual commencement June 13. SMC conferred 142 Associate in Arts degrees, 40 Associate in Science degrees, 161 Associate in Applied Science degrees and 33 certificates. Among those honored were:

Bangor – Timothy Ward

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Berrien Springs – Jacob Gordon, Seth Knuth, Madison Krolzick, Peleoalii Lei-Sam, Solace Mngo, Jacklyn Parker, Kristian Rimoni, Tiffany Tennison, Katalina Wade, Kaitlyn Williams, Yubeira Zapata

Bridgman – Alley Brown, Hannah McIntyre, Maricar Shonk, Mikayla Thompson, Emma Wimbush

Buchanan – Eric Boswell, Nacona Carlson, Raegen Dent, Cody Freeman, Brianna Gleason, Eli Lakin, Jenna Mullen, Jillian Pagels, Cole Poznanski, Katjana Smith, Louis Swanigan, Tayler Vite, Trevor Witherow

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Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Call it North Country, the backbone of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail

By DAKOTA HEWLETT
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

The North Country National Scenic Trail, or North Country Trail for short, is the longest trail in the National Trail System, stretching more than 4,600 miles between North Dakota and New York.

In Michigan, the trail covers 1,150 miles and connects some of our most scenic and beloved destinations, including Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Tahquamenon Falls State Park and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, along with many small towns and communities whose residents embrace the trail and welcome those who hike it.

The website for the trail beckons visitors to "Come to the North Country."

"Trek the hills and valleys. Stand on the shores of lakes and streams from glaciers 10,000 years before. Clear-flowing water, red/gold of autumn, a fairyland of snow, open prairies and distant horizons paint the land," the website reads. "Historic sites along the way tell how America settled and grew as a nation. From North Dakota to New York (and soon Vermont), adventure is never far away."

Spawned from the National Trails System Act of 1968, the North Country Trail has grown from a grand idea to a destination for hikers and backpackers looking to experience some of the best small towns and scenic places in the United States.

As a National Scenic Trail, the trail is administered by the National Park Service with assistance from the North Country Trail Association, a nonprofit organization comprised of thousands of members and volunteers who work on building, maintaining, planning and promoting the trail.

The association, headquartered in Lowell, has 37 local chapters and affiliates whose members not only help build and maintain the entirety of the trail, but also lead hikes and events promoting the trail.

Michigan hosts more miles of the North Country Trail than any of the other seven states the trail traverses.

The trail also provides the backbone of the hiking portion of Michigan's signature Iron Belle Trail, which stretches from Ironwood in the far western Upper Peninsula, to Belle Isle in Detroit.

"The North Country Trail is a magnificent asset to the nation, the state of Michigan and the Iron Belle Trail," said Paul Yauk, state trail coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division. "Without the North Country Trail, the dream of creating the Iron Belle Trail might never have been realized."

In 2013, then-Gov. Rick Snyder, who declared Michigan "The Trails State," wanted to showcase Michigan by creating a trail from Detroit to Ironwood. The idea later evolved into one trail with two routes – one for hiking and one for bicycling.

The hiking route of the Iron Belle Trail is 1,273 miles long, sharing 1,033 miles with the North Country National Scenic Trail as it travels through 48 of the state's 83 counties, across the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

The Michigan DNR oversees the trail.

Today, the Iron Belle Trail is 71 percent complete, with many projects underway over both the hiking and bicycling routes to connect the gaps remaining along the trail between Michigan's great natural resources, towns and cities, and endless recreational opportunities.

Some hiking highlights along the North Country Trail's Iron Belle Trail sections in the Upper Peninsula include the spectacular Pictured Rocks cliffs east of Munising, hills and ridges, waterfalls and rivers of state-managed forest lands, five state parks and the Hiawatha and Ottawa national forests.

After shuttling across the Mackinac Bridge, the trail continues south along the western side of the Lower Peninsula, where more state parks, the Jordan River Valley, the Manistee National Forest, Yankee Springs State Recreation Area and the North Country Trail Association's headquarters in Lowell

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To reduce trail impact and ensure a premier hiking experience.

Photo provided / Michigan DNR

A signpost shows the presence of the North Country Trail that is also part of Michigan's signature Iron Belle Trail.

Photo provided / Mike Mahler

A Bell's vireo is seen June 4 along Graham Avenue in Benton Harbor.

This Bell's a rare bird

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Mike Mahler sent in a nice photo of a male Bell's vireo, taken on June 4 near the Renaissance Athletic Club located off Graham Avenue in Benton Harbor.

In 2019 a Bell's vireo was present from early May through August at the same general location, likely being the same individual.

The Bell's vireo is a rather plain looking songbird common on the Great Plains and in the Southwest US and Mexico. In Michigan, the Bell's vireo is an uncommon and irregular breeding species mainly confined to the state's southwestern counties.

Of the roughly 50 records of the Bell's vireo recorded in Michigan from 1885-2020, about half come from Berrien County.

Most Bell's vireos observed in Southwest Michigan in the spring do not stay to nest, as they can't find mates. However, breeding was confirmed in Berrien County during the late 1970s and early 1980s, when the population on the eastern edge of their range was greater.

The Bell's vireo that is currently in Benton Harbor may have found a mate but as of this writing, a second individual has not been confirmed.

The preferred habitat of nesting Bell's vireos found in Berrien County is thick vegetation including: quaking aspen, hawthorn, multiflora rose, staghorn sumac, wild grapes, and brambles. In the west they use mesquite and willow groves for nesting, often along stream sides.

Robby Hoffman Jr. of Coloma Township has seen a Blanding's turtle dig a nest among some landscape rocks next to his house! Blanding's turtles are easily identified by their showy, distinctive yellow throat.

The Blanding's turtle range covers most of the Great Lakes states and southern Ontario, east to New England. However the species is on the decline, mainly due to the draining and degradation of wetlands, but also due to the fact that Blanding's turtles don't reach sexual maturity until they reach 20-25 years in age.

A gray tree frog was photographed in June by Beth Wolf of St. Joseph Township.

The images Wolf sent are of great quality, showing the frog's suction cup feet and scales of its underside as it clung to a window.

Gray tree frogs are found throughout Southwest Michigan and most of the Great Lakes region, where they are common. Gray tree frogs have the ability to change color from gray to brown to pale green, or any intermediate color, usually over the course of an hour. Color change in the species is thought to be highly influenced by humidity levels and temperature change.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Robby Hoffman Jr.

A Blanding's turtle is seen June 11 in Coloma Township.

Photo provided / Beth Wolf

A gray tree frog is seen recently clinging to a window in St. Joseph Township.

FISHING REPORT

Overview: With extremely hot weather, anglers may witness a fish kill, which can occur naturally in lakes and streams during periods of hot weather. It is not unusual to see dead or dying fish when this happens. High temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels combined cause stress on fish. Most prone to summer kills are pike, perch, suckers, bass and bluegill living in shallow, productive lakes or bays with excessive amounts of algae or rooted aquatic vegetation. The plants consume large amounts of oxygen at night, causing a temporary shortage just before dawn. A cloudy, calm day extends the critical period by reducing reoxygenation from photosynthesis and wave action. Fish in oxygen-depleted areas do not sense the danger and therefore do not swim to deeper water.

Southwest Lower Peninsula

New Buffalo: Boat anglers are beginning to catch perch along Lake Michigan.

St. Joseph: Perch fishing was good in 30 to 45 feet, and most were fishing south of the piers. Salmon fishing was slow. A few lake trout were caught in 120 feet. Pier anglers caught freshwater drum and the occasional steelhead.

South Haven: Perch anglers caught decent numbers straight out and south of the piers in 30 feet. Lake trout were caught in 100 feet, but salmon fishing was slow. Freshwater drum were caught off the piers and up into the Black River.

Holland: Salmon and steelhead action picked up slightly 40 to 100 feet down in 100 to 160 feet. Orange, green and blue spoons worked best for salmon and steelhead. Green meat rigs also produced a few salmon. Good lake trout action on the bottom with yellow or green spin-glo's. Perch fishing was very slow. Freshwater drum have been caught by pier anglers casting silver spoons.

Lake Macatawa: The lake was producing small walleye and bluegills.

Kalamazoo River: Catfish are being caught on cut bait. Walleye were hitting on jigs and body baits.

Port Sheldon: Boat anglers found a decent number of lake trout and the occasional salmon or steelhead with orange and green spoons in 100 to 160 feet. Lake trout are on the bottom and hitting yellow spin-glo's.

Grand Haven: The Harbor Island boat launch is still closed.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Smallmouth bass and rock bass were caught on hula grubs.

Ionia County: Panfish have been caught on Morrison, Woodard and Sessions Lake. Bass fishing on the lakes was hit or miss. Perch were caught on Sessions.

Muskegon: Boats are finding lake trout and the occasional salmon or steelhead in 100 to 160 feet. Salmon and steelhead were 45 to 100 feet down and hitting orange spoons. Lake trout were hitting green or yellow spin-glo's on the bottom. Pier anglers caught freshwater drum while casting spoons.

Muskegon Lake: Was producing some walleye. Bass and bluegill were slow.

Muskegon River: Trout fishing was slow. Average-size walleye and some nice pike were caught in Hardy Pond. Those fishing in Hersey caught suckers.

White Lake: Bluegills were caught along the south shore. Bass fishing was good, and the channel cat bite was very good. Walleye were found in 16 feet.

— Michigan DNR, July 2

TRAIL

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await.

Jane Norton, president of the association's Chief Noonday Chapter in southern Michigan, has been involved with the organization for eight years. She joined the association as a new hiker, but quickly became involved as she made friends with others in the chapter.

"Now I have something to do all the time – hiking is a year-round activity," Norton said. "I've met a lot of great people."

In 2017, she hiked the entire length of the North Country Trail in the Lower Peninsula, a distance rambling more than 500 miles. "It was section hiking; I'd take three or four days at a time and drive up to hike the next section. The fun part was being in small towns that I had never been to," Norton said.

She completed her hike of the Lower Peninsula in 34 days, an adventure that started out as a way to celebrate her birthday and ended up becoming a trek across the state.

Norton said Michigan has changing terrain and diverse beauty as the North Country Trail traverses the state. "Southern Michigan has the most beautiful farmland, unique barns and the most wildflowers I've ever seen in my life," she said.

Recently, as the president of her local NCTA chapter, Norton has seen a very large increase in hiking due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is great to see so many people of all ages outside, so many new people. I hope they continue hiking and become members and volunteers," she said. Thousands of volunteers along the North Country Trail plan workdays, conduct regular maintenance and, like Norton, devote their own time to the trail they love. "I'm impressed by the volunteers who come out to work, building bridges, puncheon (boardwalk), trimming brush and trees," Norton said. "I greatly appreciate the time that they put in."

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make the physical and mental changes required to build confidence and raise your self-esteem. Don't waste time arguing. Success will result if you stay focused and work alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Avoid outside influences or controlling individuals. Obtain facts and figures before making a decision. Don't rely on others when you can invest in yourself. Avoid situations and people who could be harmful to your health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have the right idea, and if you are patient, you will see excellent results. Your charm and intelligence will ensure that you receive the help you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The more you do to help others, the more you will get in return. Develop new skills and pay more attention to changing economic trends. Stand by the people you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Caution will be necessary when dealing with manipulative people. Believe verified facts instead of paying attention to hearsay. Avoid joint money deals and outside interference. Put your health and integrity first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A logical approach to a situation that involves how you earn your living and your health and safety will give you greater leverage when dealing with your superiors. Share your point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be understanding and offer positive solutions. Reach out to someone you are worried about, but don't take on responsibilities that may jeopardize your reputation or position.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A situation isn't likely to go the way you expect. You'll do best if you stick to the truth, especially where emotional issues are concerned. Make adjustments to your lifestyle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you take on a creative project, it will enhance the way you live. Don't trust someone to give you valid information. Verify all data you receive to avoid mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use your imagination and find a way to get things done on time without subjecting yourself to an unhealthy environment. Choose to be practical, not stubborn or illogical.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Inconsistency and fickleness will cost you. Incorporate discipline into whatever you do, and you'll avoid jeopardizing your reputation or position. Make fitness and health priorities.

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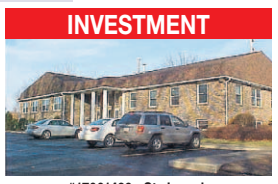

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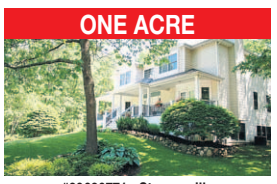

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ORDINANCE NOTICE

I, Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk of the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan certify that on June 29, 2020, the Benton Harbor City Commission approved and adopted a Budget Ordinance for the 2019/2020 Amended Budget and Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for the following projections:

FY 2019/2020

	Revenue	Expenditures
General Fund	$8,275,837	$8,958,884

FY 2020/2021

	Revenue	Expenditures
General Fund	$8,057,151	$8,494,872
Major Street Fund	$2,093,310	$2,359,228
Local Street Fund	$759,490	$720,449
PPI	$148,000	$247,811
Utilities Services Fund	$8,486,468	$8,439,234
Pension Taxation Fund	$89,800	$89,800
Community Dev.	$583,212	$583,212

Purpose and Source	2020/2021 Millage Rate
General Operating (Charter)	9.6220
General Operating (Voted)	9.6220
Library (Charter)	0.9621
Library (Voted)	1.9243
Permanent Public Improvement (Charter)	1.5258
Pension (Charter)	0.7625
Dial-A-Ride (Voted)	1.1844

A full copy of the budget is available for review in the City Clerk's office at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk
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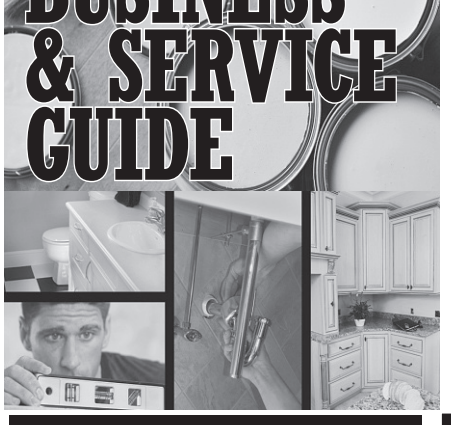

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Crossword Answers D1

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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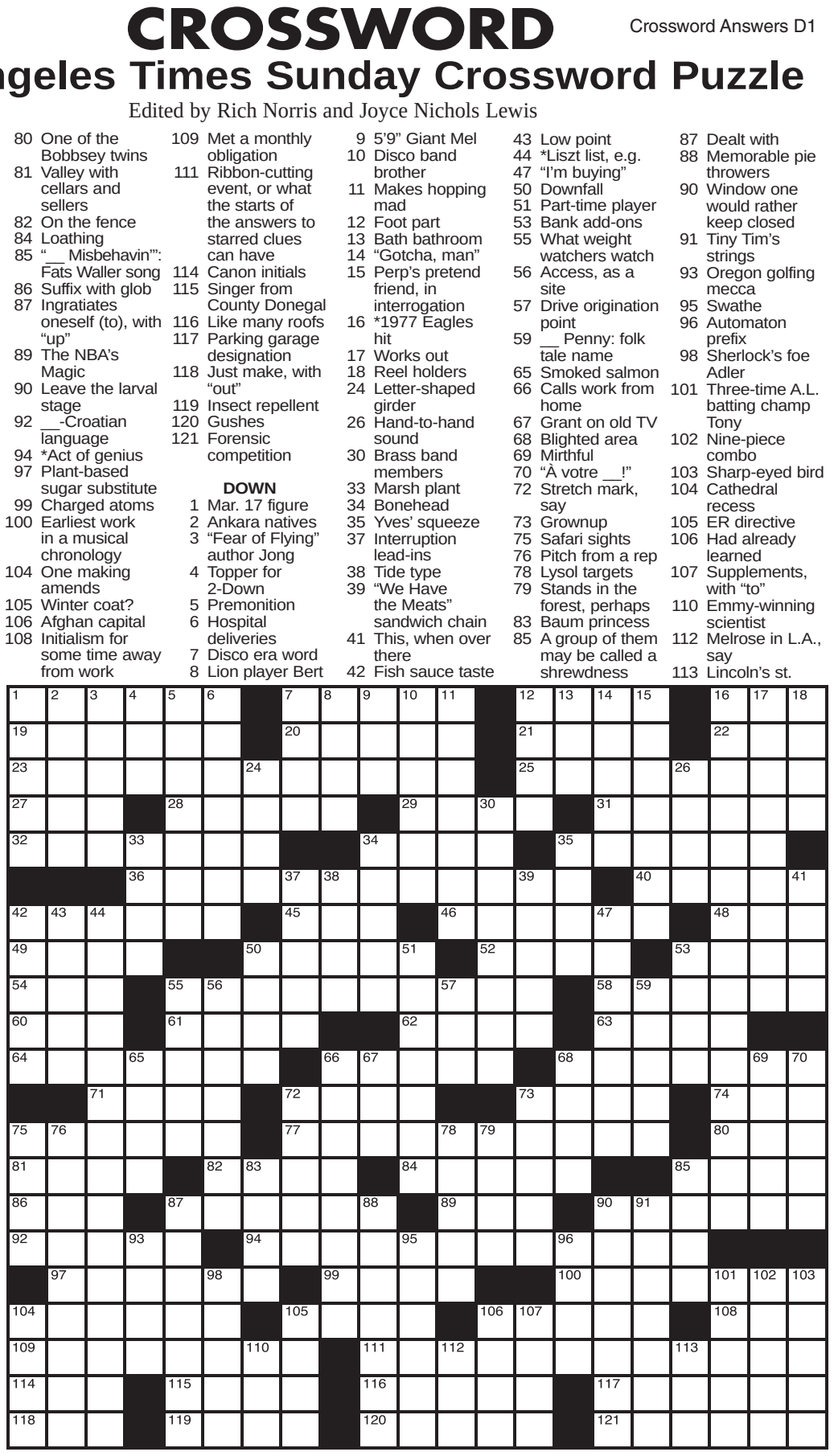
"THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN" By ED SESSA

ACROSS
1 Graf with 22 Grand Slam singles titles
7 Epcot's Spaceship Earth, e.g.
12 Sacha Baron Cohen alter ego
16 Part of HMS
19 Soup dish
20 Like many feedbag cereals
21 NFL analyst Tony
22 Big name in kitchen gadgets
23 *Pro in a ring
25 Helped throw a party
27 Boxers' org.?
28 Birth day ordeal
29 Boxer's wound
31 Clock watchers
32 Bygone Russian ruler
34 Sonic the Hedgehog creator
35 Math class for coll. credit
36 *Challenge for a hopeful collegian
40 Footnote abbr.
42 Removes fasteners from
45 Hand-rubbing chuckle
46 Trawler's catch
48 Firewood option
49 Title for Marian
50 Reacts with obvious pleasure
52 Comply with
53 Pet peeve?
54 Cap-and-crown org.?
55 *Multi-faceted stage performance
58 Believer
60 Least amt.
61 Reasons against
62 Lands' End department
63 Barrier __
64 Historic toolmaking period
66 Practices, as a trade
68 Eyes and ears
71 Chocolate-caramel candy brand
72 Industrial arts class, informally
73 Actor Cumming of "The Good Wife"
74 River inlet
75 International economic coalition
77 *Military stint
80 One of the Bobbsey twins
81 Valley with cellars and sellers
82 On the fence
84 Loathing
85 "__ Misbehavin'": Fats Waller song
86 Suffix with glob
87 Ingratiates oneself (to), with "up"
89 The NBA's Magic
90 Leave the larval stage
92 __-Croatian language
94 *Act of genius
97 Plant-based sugar substitute
99 Charged atoms
100 Earliest work in a musical chronology
104 One making amends
105 Winter coat?
106 Afghan capital
108 Initialism for some time away from work
109 Met a monthly obligation
111 Ribbon-cutting event, or what the starts of the answers to starred clues can have
114 Canon initials
115 Singer from County Donegal
116 Like many roofs
117 Parking garage designation
118 Just make, with "out"
119 Insect repellent
120 Gushes
121 Forensic competition

DOWN
1 Mar. 17 figure
2 Ankara natives
3 "Fear of Flying" author Jong
4 Topper for 2-Down
5 Premonition
6 Hospital deliveries
7 Disco era word
8 Lion player Bert
9 5'9" Giant Mel
10 Disco band brother
11 Makes hopping mad
12 Foot part
13 Bath bathroom
14 "Gotcha, man"
15 Perp's pretend friend, in interrogation
16 *1977 Eagles hit
17 Works out
18 Reel holders
24 Letter-shaped girder
26 Hand-to-hand sound
30 Brass band members
33 Marsh plant
34 Bonehead
35 Yves' squeeze
37 Interruption lead-ins
38 Tide type
39 "We Have the Meats" sandwich chain
41 This, when over there
42 Fish sauce taste
43 Low point
44 *Liszt list, e.g.
47 "I'm buying"
50 Downfall
51 Part-time player
53 Bank add-ons
55 What weight watchers watch
56 Access, as a site
57 Drive origination point
59 __ Penny: folk tale name
65 Smoked salmon
66 Calls work from home
67 Grant on old TV
68 Blighted area
69 Mirthful
70 "À votre __!"
72 Stretch mark, say
73 Grownup
75 Safari sights
76 Pitch from a rep
78 Lysol targets
79 Stands in the forest, perhaps
83 Baum princess
85 A group of them may be called a shrewdness
87 Dealt with
88 Memorable pie throwers
90 Window one would rather keep closed
91 Tiny Tim's strings
93 Oregon golfing mecca
95 Swathe
96 Automaton prefix
98 Sherlock's foe Adler
101 Three-time A.L. batting champ Tony
102 Nine-piece combo
103 Sharp-eyed bird
104 Cathedral recess
105 ER directive
106 Had already learned
107 Supplements, with "to"
110 Emmy-winning scientist
112 Melrose in L.A., say
113 Lincoln's st.



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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Let go of the past and prepare to move forward with clarity and good faith. It's time to begin anew and to step into a position that suits you. Implement positive changes that will encourage better personal and professional relationships. Take an honest and open approach to life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Get your priorities straight. Refuse to let anyone mistreat you or direct you to take a path that you don't care for. Follow your heart and do what's best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When in doubt, take a step back and do nothing. Take time to assess your situation and to nurture yourself and your meaningful relationships. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Implement changes that will make your life easier. Making domestic or lifestyle adjustments will improve your quality of life. Children and seniors will offer unique insight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be careful what you say. Problems will arise if you are inconsistent or if someone you deal with is too demanding. Keep the peace, go about your business and avoid discord.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Everyone will want to offer advice. Listen to the information provided and use whatever works for you. A unique plan will encourage you to make an unexpected change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Please someone you love. Make a personal change that will enhance the way you look, live or treat others. Physical activity will ease stress. Don't get involved in joint ventures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't feel that you have to do everything all at once. Preparation and organization will determine how much you accomplish. Adjust the way you live for the ultimate results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't feel that you must join in if you don't like what others are doing. Protect your interests, health and home. Physical improvements will fetch compliments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your dedication and determination will make a difference. Follow your heart and do what's best for you, your loved ones and your community. An unexpected opportunity might well be knocking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you speed things up a bit, you will accomplish what you set out to do. The less time you spend discussing your plans and the more time you spend being constructive, the better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A positive change will come from a heart-to-heart discussion you have with someone you live or work with. Be honest and willing to compromise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Pay more attention to how you look and feel. Spending more time on self-improvement will encourage a healthier lifestyle and a positive attitude. Romance is featured.

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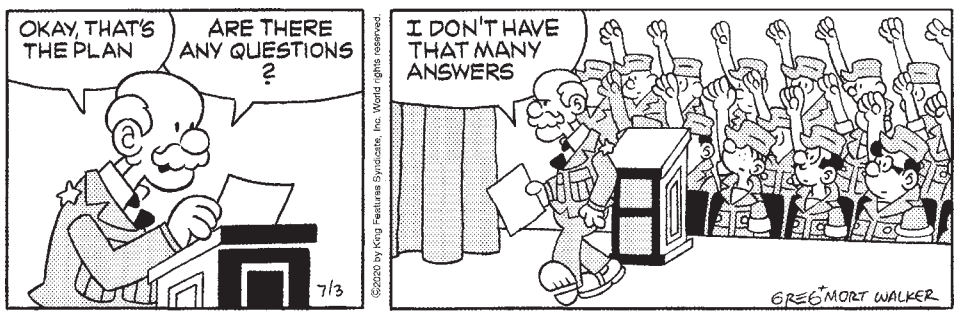
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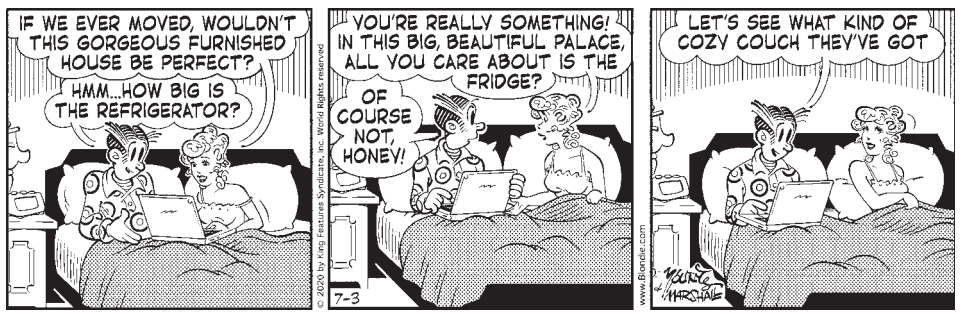
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HMM...HOW BIG IS THE REFRIGERATOR?
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING! IN THIS BIG, BEAUTIFUL PALACE, ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS THE FRIDGE?
OF COURSE NOT, HONEY!
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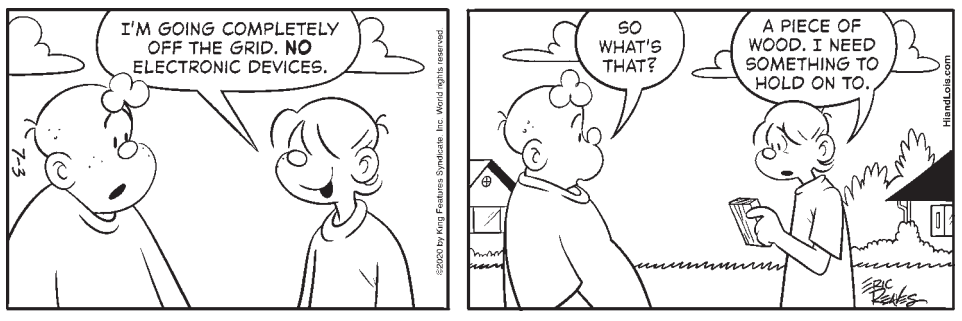
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A PIECE OF WOOD. I NEED SOMETHING TO HOLD ON TO.
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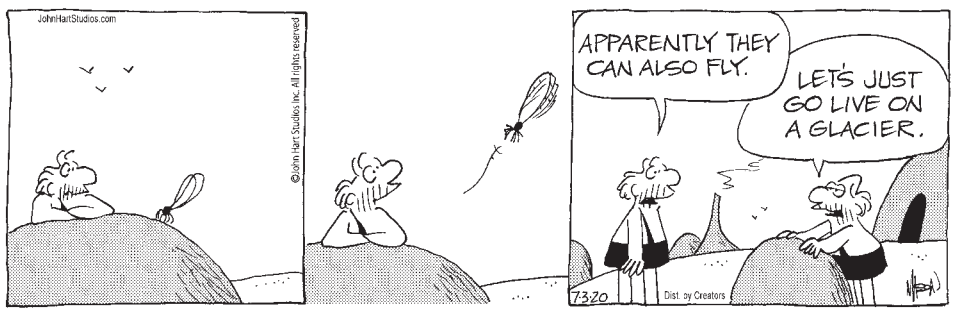
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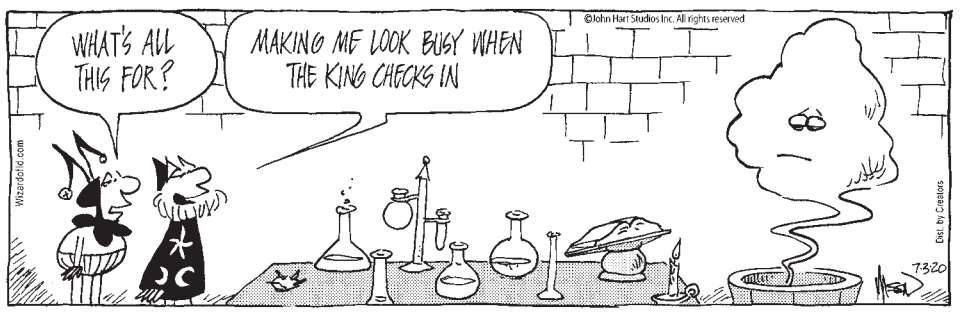
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MAKING ME LOOK BUSY WHEN THE KING CHECKS IN
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DILBERT

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO DINNER WITH ME?
ONLY IF YOU SELF-QUARANTINE FOR TWO WEEKS FIRST.
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WELL, IT SEEMS I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOUR DES-PERATION.
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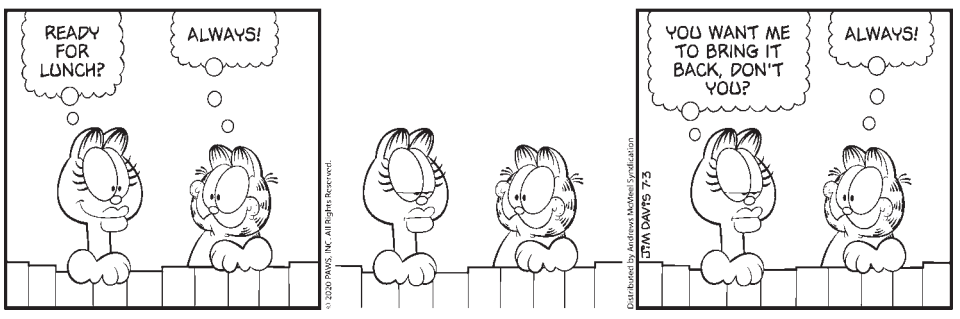
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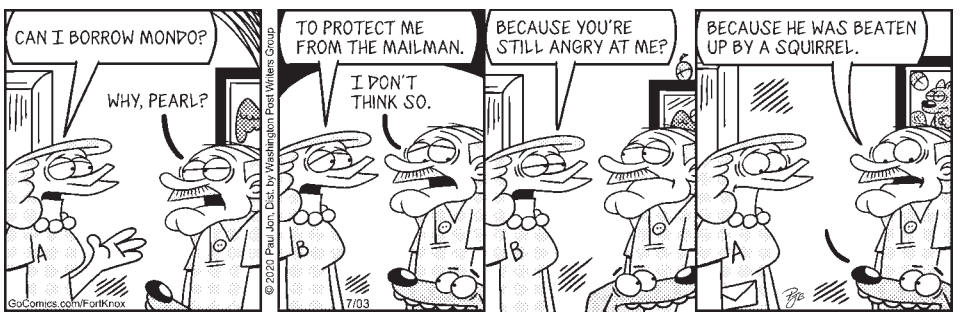
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WHY, PEARL?
TO PROTECT ME FROM THE MAILMAN.
I DON'T THINK SO.
BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL ANGRY AT ME?
BECAUSE HE WAS BEATEN UP BY A SQUIRREL.
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PICKLES

WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF FINDING A POTATO THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE MY HUSBAND?
IT CAN'T BE JUST A COINCIDENCE, IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSE!
BUT WHAT COULD THE MESSAGE BE?
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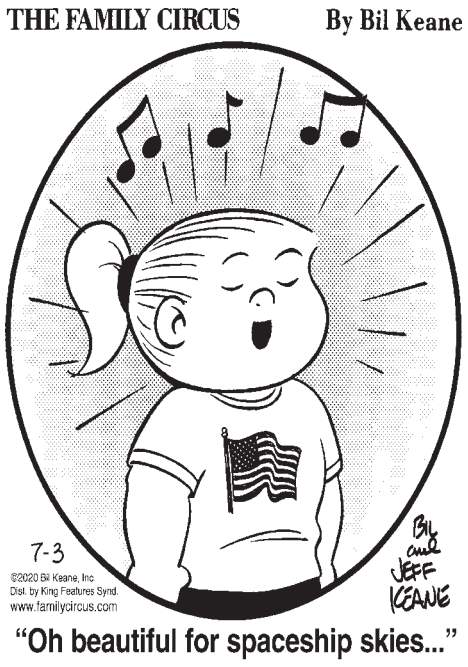
YOU MARRIED MR. POTATO HEAD.
BRIAN CRANE

FAMILY CIRCUS



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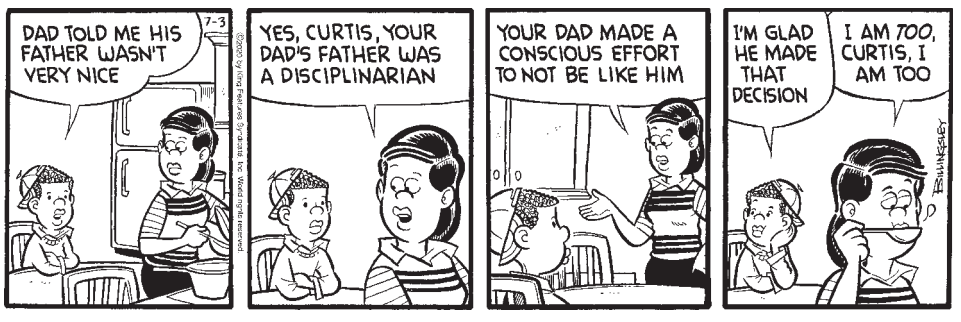
DAD TOLD ME HIS FATHER WASN'T VERY NICE
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YES, CURTIS, YOUR DAD'S FATHER WAS A DISCIPLINARIAN
YOUR DAD MADE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO NOT BE LIKE HIM
I'M GLAD HE MADE THAT DECISION
I AM TOO, CURTIS, I AM TOO
BRUNSKILL

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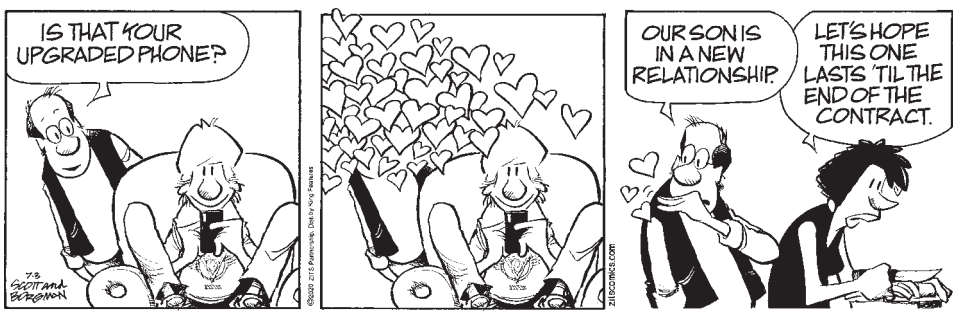
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OUR SON IS IN A NEW RELATIONSHIP.
LET'S HOPE THIS ONE LASTS 'TIL THE END OF THE CONTRACT.
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

WATCH WHAT THE CAT DOES WITH A BALL OF YARN!
I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO!
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I REALLY WISH YOU WOULD COME LOOK!
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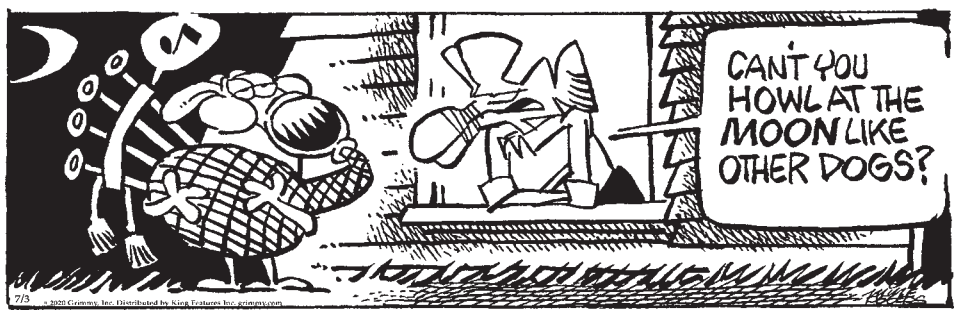

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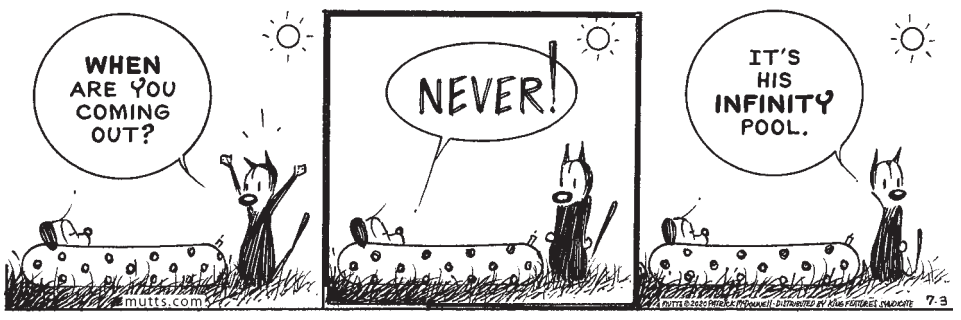

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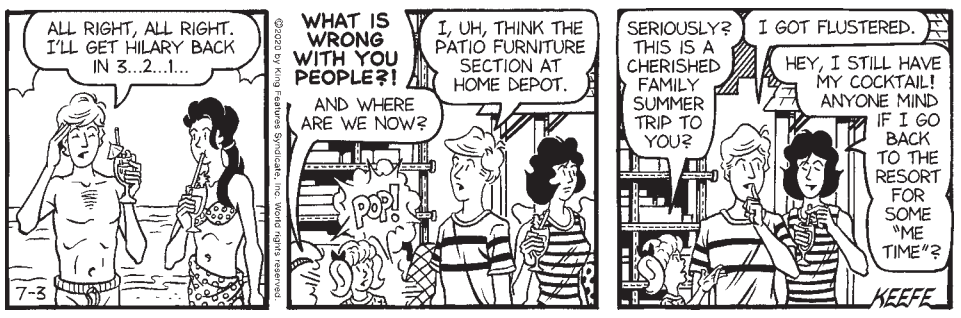
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. I'LL GET HILARY BACK IN 3...2...1...
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WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?!
AND WHERE ARE WE NOW?
I, UH, THINK THE PATIO FURNITURE SECTION AT HOME DEPOT.
POP!
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SERIOUSLY? THIS IS A CHERISHED FAMILY SUMMER TRIP TO YOU?
I GOT FLUSTERED.
HEY, I STILL HAVE MY COCKTAIL! ANYONE MIND IF I GO BACK TO THE RESORT FOR SOME "ME TIME"?
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